

(FDI), Foreign Institutional Investment (FII) and borrowings (both short term and long term).

(c) As per DGCI&S provisional figures, merchandise exports grew by 22.5% to US\$ 16.6 billion and merchandise imports grew by 32% to US\$ 29.7 billion in comparison to August, 2009.

(d) and (e) Merchandise exports grew by about 28% in US\$ terms during April to September, 2010 in comparison to the corresponding period of 2009.

(f) The Government and RBI have been closely monitoring the economic developments in the country and internationally on a continuous basis, with special emphasis on monitoring the performance of export sectors. Sectoral performance reviews of export sectors are being conducted at regular interval and need based support measures are undertaken, keeping in view the need based supports and the financial implications thereof.

**Corporate India's Inability to provide reservation of  
jobs for SCs/STs**

1552. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:  
SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Corporate India led by the President of CII, FICCI and Assocham have told Government that they will not be able to reserve five per cent jobs for people belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has informed the Government that industry is not in favour of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They are however willing to partner with the Government and appropriate agencies in enhancing and expanding current recruitment policy for these sections. They are also willing to augment Government efforts in the area of skill development and training. Additionally, CII, FICCI and ASSOCHAM have each prepared a voluntary Code of Conduct to encourage affirmative action for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the private sector.

**CEPA talks with Japan**

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