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	Japan	2.18	*	1.44	*
	S. Korea	0.29	*	0.28	*
TOTAL :		9.46		3.82	
Private Sector	China	102.31	*	69.4	*
	Japan	3.69	*	1.07	*
	S. Korea	1.03	*	0.15	*
	Europe	0.72	*	0.51	*
	Others	0.16	*	0.16	*
TOTAL :		107.91		71.29	
GRAND TOTAL :		117.37		75.11	

Note: The above figures for 2010-11 are Provisional.

(*)As far as rate of export of iron ore by the public sector is concerned, exports of iron ore to China are effected on spot prices basis. Exports of iron ore to Japan and South Korea are based on quarterly bench mark prices.

Growth in merchandise exports

1415. SHRI BIRENDER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the third quarter of financial year 2010-11 has shown a substantial growth in merchandise exports as compared to last year;

(b) if so, whether it would be possible that the third quarter trend of growth of merchandise export would continue in the last quarter and in future also;

(c) if so, the target of export fixed for the year 2010-11 for 200 billion dollars would be achieved; and

(d) what extent this trend of increase in growth of export would narrow down the gap between export and import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The third quarter of financial year 2010-11 has shown a export growth of 27.8% as compared to corresponding period of last year.

(b) The first month of last quarter of current financial year has witnessed export growth of

32.4%. It is expected that third quarter trend of growth of merchandise export would continue in the last quarter also.

(c) The export during April, 2010-January, 2011 is valued at US \$ 184.6 billion. With this trend, the target of US \$ 200 billion is expected to be achieved.

(d) Trade deficit depends both on export as well as import. Therefore while encouraging growth of export may contribute to lower trade deficit, final figure would depend on the trend of import.

Note: All figures are provisional

Dissemination of art and culture in foreign countries

1416. DR. MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is working for dissemination of Indian art and culture in several countries;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard;

(c) whether NRIs are also being involved in this venture;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether teams from India are being sent abroad to spread Indian art and culture; and

(f) if so, the details of teams sent abroad during the last three years and the amount spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

The Ministry of Culture has signed 125 cultural agreements with foreign countries, and has entered into Cultural Exchange Programmes with 90 countries till date with whom Cultural Exchange Programmes take place and is also exploring possibility of entering into Cultural Exchange Programmes with remaining countries in consultation with our Missions abroad. The Ministry is also trying to have formal Cultural Agreements with the countries with whom there is no Cultural Agreement.

(c) and (d) The Ministry releases grants to Indian Embassies under Indo Foreign Friendship Societies and NRIs may also be involved in the activities of these societies. Ministry of Culture has a programme for 'Pravasi Manch' which is exclusively designed for NRI writers and scholars who are propagating Indian literature.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.