

- (a) whether it is a fact that India targets doubling exports to \$450 billion by 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) which are the sectors that are likely to have major share in the exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, In the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14, Government has set a target to achieve an export of US\$ 200 billion by March 2011 and doubling of India's share of exports of goods and services in the global exports, by 2014.

(c) Based on the latest exports data, the sectors having major share in exports are Engineering goods, Petroleum Products, Gems and Jewellery, Chemical and Related Products, Textiles, Agriculture and allied products, ores and minerals, Electronics Goods, etc.

Effect of lifting ban on export of onion

2187. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is decision/proposal for lifting the ban on exports of onion from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the exports of onion will further escalate the prices of the produce; and
- (d) if so, the details of reasons for lifting the ban at this juncture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The ban on export of onions has already been lifted *vide* Notification No.24 dated 18.2.2011 subject to Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US\$ 1400 for Bangalore Rose Onion and Krishnapuram onion and MEP of US\$600 per MT for all varieties excepting Bangalore Rose Onion and Krishnapuram Onion. The Inter-Ministerial Review Committee (IMRC) in Department of Commerce with members from Department of Consumer Affairs, NAFED, etc. reviews the availability and domestic prices of onion. On recommendation of IMRC, MEP of all

varieties of onion excepting Bangalore Rose onion and Krishnapuram onion was reduced to US\$450 per MT *vide* Notification No.29 dated 1.3.2011 and further reduced to US\$350 per MT *vide* Notification No.30 dated 8.3.2011.

Export of iron ore and minerals to China

2188. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total quantity of iron ore and other minerals exported to China; and

(b) the details of quantity imported by India as finished goods from iron ore and other minerals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The details of India's iron ore, chrome ore/concentrate and manganese ore exported to China during the years 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are as under:

(Quantity in lakh tonnes)			
Item	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11 (P) (April-January, 2011)
Iron Ore	978.49	1093.00	715.06
Chrome Ore	0.41	0.93	0.15
Chrome Concentrate	2.78	4.34	2.93
Manganese Ore	1.68	2.59	1.18

(P) = Provisional.

(b) Iron ore is used for steel-making and steel is used directly or in combination with other minerals for a large variety of products. Imported finished goods using iron and steel include tools used in agricultural/forestry and other articles including tubes/pipes used for oil and gas etc. The steel imports into the country during the last three years is given below:

(Quantity in Million Tonnes)		
2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
7.03	5.84	7.29