

(a) whether it is a fact that despite normal production of onion in the country its prices are impacted by international market prices;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government has to change its export policy to effect increase or decrease in onion prices in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Sir, the country produces sufficient quantity<sup>†</sup> of onions to fulfil its domestic requirements and therefore, international market prices do not have any significant impact on the domestic prices of onions.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Prices of onion depend on the domestic demand and supply situation as well as the export policy. Whenever, there is scarcity or short supply of onion, in the domestic market, Government, prohibits or restricts export by suitably modifying the minimum export price (MEP) of onion and lays down other conditions, if necessary, to ensure availability of onion to consumers at reasonable prices.

#### **Syncing industrial production with export growth**

†317. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the industrial production growth rate and export growth rate are not in sync with each other in the country;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of annual industrial production growth rate and annual growth rate of export in the country during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The export and industrial production have recorded varying rates of growth in the last three years.

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<sup>†</sup>Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) It is not necessary for the two rates of growth to be uniform because the drivers of the growth are different. While the industrial production is influenced largely by domestic demand, the external demand contributes to the growth of exports. Higher export growth, however, have a positive impact on growth of industrial production.

(c) The rate of growth of industrial production and exports year-wise during last three years is given in the table below:

Year	Growth rate of Industrial production (%) <sup>*</sup>	Growth rate of Exports (%) <sup>\$</sup>
2008-09	2.5	28.19
2009-10	5.3	0.57
2010-11	8.2	32.32

(\*) Industrial growth is measured in terms of the Index of Industrial Production with 2004-2005 as the base.

(\$) Rate of growth for exports is based on exports valued in Rs. crore.

**Value of industrial production *vis-a-vis* services sector in exports**

†318. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the export from services sector is of more value in comparison with the export from Industrial production sector;

(b) if so, Government's reaction in this regard; and

(c) the value of export from services sector as well as from industrial production sector during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The value of export of services as well as merchandise exports during the last three years is given in the table below: