(b)   Based on the recommendations of the High Level Trade Group, at the 7th India-EU Summit in October, 2007 in Helsinki, negotiations for a BTIA were launched in Brussels on 28-29 June, 2007. This aimed at identifying opportunities for enhancing trade and investment in both directions.

(c) and (d) The negotiations are ongoing. Requests have been made on a variety of sectors including automobiles. Positions taken evolve from stakeholders consultations and domestic sensitivities.

Strategy to double exports

315.   SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a)   whether India's exports have grown in the second quarter (April-June, 2011) in line with 37.5 per cent growth during 2010-11;

(b)   if so, the details thereof;

(c)   whether a strategy to double country's exports by 2013-14 has been released by Government; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) India's merchandise exports increased by 37.55% in US $ terms in 2010-11. As per the latest available data from the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, India's merchandise exports during 2010-11 (April-June) were US $ 54221.16 million and increased to US $ 79003.74 million in 2011-12 (April-June), thus registering a growth of 45.71%. In Rupee terms, merchandise exports have increased by 42.72% during 2011-12 (April-June) over the same period last year.

(c) and (d) The Department of Commerce has prepared a Strategy Paper for doubling India's merchandise exports over the period 2011-12 to 2013-14 from US $ 246 billion in 2010-11 to US $ 500 billion in 2013-14. The paper is available on the Department's website (www.commerce.nic.in).

Change in export policy to effect price change of onion

†316. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
　　　　SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.