

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A total of 585 proposals for setting up SEZs have been approved in the country. 381 of such SEZ projects have been notified for the country as a whole. Of these, Andhra Pradesh accounts for 109 formally approved projects and 75 notified SEZs. 36 SEZs in Andhra Pradesh are currently exporting. Visakhapatnam SEZ was set up by the Central Government prior to the enactment of SEZ Act, 2005.

(b) As on 30th June, 2011, investments of Rs. 16,154 crore have been made in these SEZs in Andhra Pradesh and direct employment for 83,603 persons has been generated. Year-wise exports and imports from the SEZs located in Andhra Pradesh are as follows:-

(Export in Rs. crore)

| Years | Exports | Imports |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| 2007-08 | 1,329.70 | — |
| 2008-09 | 3,121.80 | 4,840.16 |
| 2009-10 | 5,663.66 | 2,614.16 |
| 2010-11 | 13,363.32 | 6,760.91 |
| 2011-12 (up to 30.6.2011) | 4170.67 | 1640.65 |

Non-implementation of SAFTA by Pakistan

2327. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan offers tariff concession to India only on the small positive list of items it allows to be imported from India, but not on all products agreed to under South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India is expected to ask Pakistan to implement SAFTA in spirit and offer it the same concession it offers to all other SAARC members; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Pakistan maintains a 'Positive List' of 1945 items which are allowed to be imported from India. Under SAFTA, Pakistan operates a sensitive list (negative list) of 1169 items.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) This issue is being discussed at the ongoing rounds of bi-lateral trade talks between India and Pakistan. At the Commerce Secretary level talks in April, 2011, Pakistan side has in-principle agreed to move from 'Positive List' to 'Negative List' trade regime. Pakistan has also recognized that grant of MFN status to India would help in expanding the bilateral trade relations.

Policies to increase manufacturing share

2328. SHRIMATI GUNDU SUDHARANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, India is one of the world's 10 largest manufacturing countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what policies and programmes Government is formulating to increase its manufacturing share which is just 1.8 per cent of the total world's output?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. According to the International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics, 2011 of the United Nation Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) India is one of the world's ten largest manufacturing countries.

(c) The major focus areas for improving the manufacturing growth have been the creation of world class infrastructure and devising regulatory mechanism to reduce transaction costs; promotion and facilitation of industrial investment including the foreign direct investment; improvement in business environment; development of industrial infrastructure through public private initiatives; and development of industry relevant skills. The Union Budget 2011-12, has clearly indicated that for sustained growth of GDP and productive employment for younger generation, it is imperative that the growth in manufacturing sector picks up. Government is considering a manufacturing policy, which will bring down the compliance burden on the industry through self-regulation and help make Indian industry globally competitive and improve its share in global manufacturing value added.

Export of cashew nuts

2329. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of export of cashew nuts from the country, per year;