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THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) International trade in agricultural commodities is dependent on prevailing international demand coinciding with domestic ability to supply, prevailing world prices of commodities, the varieties being traded and consumer preferences. The country's total exports and agricultural exports including Marine products, Tea, Coffee, Castor oil and Cotton (in terms of value in Rs. crores) and the percentage share of export of agricultural products to total exports during the last three years is as under:

Export of Agricultural Products			
Year	Country's total Exports (Rs. in Crores)	Agricultural Exports (Rs. in Crores)	% share of Agricultural Exports against Country's total exports
1997-98	130101	24626	18.93
1998-99	139752	25387	18.17
1999-2000	162925	23823	14.62

Source: DGC1 and S, Calcutta

#### **Development of Paradip as Major industrial Zone**

787. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up new Industrial Zones in the country;

(b) if so, the areas identified in various States for the purpose;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to develop Paradip as one of the major Industrial Zones in the country;

(d) if so, by when it would be possible; and

(e) the steps taken to achieve the above objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

#### **Decrease in the Share of Indian Trade**

† 788. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

† Original -notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of the efforts made, the share of Indian trade in the international market is continuously decreasing;

(h) whether it is also a fact that the achievement during the last three years is less than 6 per cent;

(c) if not, the achievements of the year 1999-2000 against the fixed target of 11.3 percent; and

(d) the targets fixed for the year 2000-2001, along with the schemes being made for achieving the said target?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASQLI MARAN): (a) The share of Indian exports in the international market has been around 0.6% during last three years as per WTO statistics.

(b) The achievement in exports during the last three years i.e. 1996-97 to 1998-99 is as follows:

Year	Exports growth rate (in dollar terms)
1996-97	5.3%
1997-98	4.6%
1998-99	-5.1%
1999-2000 (Provisional)	11.6%

Source: DGCI & S, Calcutta

(c) As per the provisional data available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta, the achievement of exports during 1999-2000 is 11.6% in dollar terms which is higher than the target of 11.3% for the year.

(d)The export target fixed for the year 2000-2001 is 18%. Export promotion is a continuous process and steps have been taken to achieve the target through suitable changes in the EXIM policy, bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions.

#### **Details of non-SSI sick/weak industrial units**

† 789. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4409 given in the Rajya Sabha on 8th May, 2000 and state:

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