

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At their Summit held in Cannes, France on 3-4 November, 2011, the G20 group of countries, including India, agreed, *inter alia*, to remove food export restrictions or extraordinary taxes for food purchased for non-commercial humanitarian purposes by the World Food Programme and agreed not to impose them in the future. They also encouraged the adoption of a Declaration by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) for the Ministerial Conference in December, 2011.

(c) In the WTO, India has taken the stand that the policy space available under the relevant WTO agreements that allows countries to take care of their domestic concerns, must not be curtailed in any manner.

#### **Exports *vis-a-vis* imports**

2330. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

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

(a) whether it is a fact that the value of imports in the country is greater than the exports;

(b) if so, the difference between the value of imports and exports in foreign trade during April to October of the current fiscal;

(c) the countries from where import is more as compared to export from India; and

(d) the countries to whom export is more as compared to import to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The difference between the value of imports and exports during April to October, 2011 is Rs.431269 Crore (Provisional).

(c) and (d) The county-wise imports and exports are given in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely 'Principal Commodities and Countries' (latest available for the month of July, 2011). Such publication is regularly sent on monthly basis to Parliament Library by DGCI&S.

#### **Strategy paper for doubling India's merchandise exports**

2331. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Commerce has prepared a strategy paper from doubling India's merchandise exports;

- (b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and
- (c) what action plan has been prepared to realise the strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes sir. The Department of Commerce has prepared a Strategy Paper for doubling India's merchandise exports over the year 2011-12 to 2013-14 from US\$ 246 billion in 2010-11 to US\$ 500 billion in 2013-14.

(b) The Strategy Paper aims at compounded annual average growth in exports at 26.7% .Sector wise targets projected for exports are given in Statement (See below). The Strategy Paper covers product strategy, market strategy, technology and R&D, building a brand image, and conducive domestic policy and essential support.

(c) An aggressive product promotion strategy for high value items that have a strong manufacturing base is the main focus of the overall growth strategy. The core of the market strategy is to retain presence and market share in traditional markets, move up the value chain in providing export products in the developed country markets; and open up new vistas, both in terms of markets and new products in these new markets. In the area of technology upgradation and R&D, the sectors of focus are pharmaceuticals, electronics, automobiles, computer and software based smart engineering, environmental products etc. Department of Commerce is working with the relevant stakeholders to effectively implement the Strategy.

#### **Statement**

##### *Exports: Strategic targets for 2013-2014*

(Values in US \$ billion)

Exports	Exports (2009-10)	Share in total Export (%)	Exports (2010-11) (Quick Estimates)	Projected Exports (2013-14)	Share in total projected Exports (%)
1	2	3	4	5	6
Gems and Jewellery	29.08	16.27	33.54	70.00	14.00
Engineering Goods	32.55	18.21	60.15	125.00	25.00
Textiles	18.29	10.23	21.02	42.00	8.40
Cotton Yarn	3.97	5.67	11.50		
Madeups					

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Manmade	3.61	4.19	9.00			
Yarn						
Madeups						
RMG	10.71	11.16	21.50			
Other Textiles		0.96	0.54	1.58	3.00	0.60
Carpets	0.74	1.13	2.00			
Jute	0.22	0.45	1.00			
Manufacturers						
Drugs, Pharma and Fine Chemicals		8.97	5.02	10.32	25.00	5.00
Other Basic Chemicals		6.84	3.83	8.62	19.00	3.80
Electronic Goods		5.45	3.05	7.38	17.00	3.40
Leather and Leather Manufacturers		3.28	1.83	3.68	9.00	1.80
Plastic and Linoleum		3.37	1.88	4.59	10.00	2.00
Iron Ore		6.03	3.37	4.50	9.00	1.80
Mica and Other Ore		2.69	1.50	6.07	9.00	1.80
Marine Products		2.10	1.17	2.54	5.00	1.00
Agricultural Products		12.62	7.06	16.99	22.00	4.40
Petroleum Products		28.19	15.77	42.45	80.00	16.00
Miscellaneous		18.33	10.25	22.44	55.00	11.00
TOTAL :		178.75	100.00	245.87	500.00	100.00

**Requirement of SEZs to achieve positive NFE**

2332. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that SEZ units are required to achieve positive Net Foreign Exchange (NFE) earning within a period of five years cumulatively from the date of commencement of commercial production;