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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.