

(c) In March 2012, Government of Pakistan replaced its 'Positive List' comprising 1947 items that could be exported by India to Pakistan with a 'Negative List' of 1209 items. This implies that except for these 1209 items, all other items can be exported from India to Pakistan. Such substantial increase in tradable commodities is expected to reduce trade through third countries. It is expected that exports in sectors such as agricultural produce, chemicals, textiles, auto components could be enhanced through bilateral investment.

Slowdown in Manufacturing Sector

1092. SHRI N.K. SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quarter-wise figures for manufacturing growth for 2011-2012;
- (b) whether the figures suggest that the manufacturing sector is having a slowdown; and
- (c) what steps are being taken by Government to increase investment in the manufacturing sector to boost growth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The quarter-wise figures of manufacturing growth during 2011-12 are given in the Table below:

Table : Manufacturing Growth during 2011-12 {based on growth rate of Index of Industrial Production (IIP), Base: 2004-05}

Period	Manufacturing	Overall IIP
April- June	7.7	7.0
July-Sept.	3.4	3.2
Oct.- Dec.	1.1	1.2
Jan.- Mar.	0.3	0.6
2011-12	3.0	2.9

Source: Central Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

The quarterly growth of manufacturing measured in terms of IIP has registered a decline from 7.7% in first quarter to 0.3% in last quarter of 2011-12.

(c) Government has already taken confidence building measures for improving the industrial climate and manufacturing in the country. Government had approved the National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) in October, 2011 with the objectives of enhancing the share of manufacturing in GDP to 25% by 2022 and creating additional 100 million jobs. One of the instruments in the NMP is the creation of National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZ) as planned integrated industrial townships. Nine NIMZs have been announced, eight of which are along the Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC). Other measures include the promotion and facilitation of industrial investment including promotion of foreign direct investment through consolidation of press notes into a single document; development of industry relevant skills; regular meetings with industry associations and stakeholders to fast track implementation of industrial projects etc.

Export of grapes from Maharashtra

1093. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nasik region of Maharashtra grows very fine varieties of grapes which are exported abroad;

(b) if so, the details of exports of grapes from Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise and foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(c) whether it is also a fact that production of grapes in Maharashtra is declining and so is the export of this commodity;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what remedial and promotional measures Government propose to increase the production and export of grapes from Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State-wise export data is not being maintained.

(c) and (d) The details of production of grapes in Maharashtra during the last three years are as under: