

**Pressure on exports due to economic slowdown**

1113. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the slowdown in the U.S. Eurozone, China and Japan continuing, Indian exports have come under tremendous pressure for several consecutive months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that shipments declined by 5.45 per cent in June to U.S. \$ 25 billion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that contraction in global demand and deceleration in manufacturing are the primary reasons for the decline in shipments?

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

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. India's export value in June, 2012 is US \$ 25 billion which is 5.45 per cent lower than the level of US \$ 26.5 billion in June, 2011. Cumulative export value for the period April-June, 2012 is US \$ 75 billion as against US \$ 76.5 billion during corresponding period last year, registering a growth of (-)1.7 per cent.

(d) Yes, Sir. Contraction in global demand and deceleration in manufacturing are some of the major reasons for decline in exports.

**Revival of SEZs**

1114. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU :  
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have really lost their sheen following certain levies and proposal of scrapping of incentives being given to them;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of SEZs;

- (c) the measures being taken to revive SEZs; and
- (d) the details of the new guidelines formulated to protect the SEZs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Exports from the SEZs have increased from Rs. 3,15,867.85 Crore in 2010-11 to Rs. 3,64,477.73 Crore in 2011-12, registering a growth of 15.39%, whereas this growth was 43.11% during the immediately preceding financial year, 2010-11. The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZs.

#### **Apparel export from India**

1115. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) what is the status of apparel exports from India to other countries during the last three years;
- (b) what is the status of this sector in Odisha region with an action plan to go a boost to this sector in this backward region;
- (c) which are our favourite markets in the world;
- (d) whether Government proposes to grant certain incentives to this sector to improve its economy; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI) : (a) Details are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) Government of India have formulated common Foreign Trade Policy, under which certain benefits/concessions have been given to the exports oriented industry. No State specific action plan has been made. However, Textiles parks, and Apparel Training & Design Centres are being opened in the State.

(c) USA and EU-27 countries are the major destinations for exports of textiles & clothing products from India.