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Sl.No.	Name of the Agreement and Partner Countries
16.	India-Indonesia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)
17.	India-Australia CECA
18.	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement among ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam) + 6 FTA Partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand)

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(c) The performance of the manufacturing sector is dependent on a number of factors, including the prevailing global economic situation, the domestic demand and supply position. The FTAs provides preferential market access, including raw material to the domestic manufacturers.

(d) The Free Trade Agreements provide preferential market access to the FTA partner countries. One of the ways is through the gradual elimination/reduction of tariffs over a period of time. The details of India's FTAs are available on the website of the Department of Commerce (<http://commerce.gov.in>).

(e) and (f) India's bilateral trade (exports as well as imports) with FTA partner countries have grown over the years. The details of India's imports-exports with the FTA partner countries are available on the website of the Department of Commerce (<http://commerce.gov.in>).

#### **High level meeting to revive manufacturing sector**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that a high level meeting on manufacturing was held recently to discuss ways and means to revive the manufacturing activity;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the deliberations made in the said meeting;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government has decided to set up mission to develop and build a medium size mid range civilian aircraft in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN): (a) and (b) A meeting of the High Level Committee on Manufacturing (HLCM) was convened on 9th July, 2013 to discuss the strategy for boosting competitiveness and output in two sectors- textiles and steel and for formulating a long term approach in three strategic industries- civilian aircraft manufacture, electric and hybrid vehicles and advanced materials and composites. Deliberations took place on short and long term strategies for the aforesaid five areas.

(c) and (d) The High Level Committee on Manufacturing took a decision for the development of civilian aircraft of a 70-100 seater range to begin with, in India. A High Level Steering Group under chairman NMCC has been tasked with working out the modalities of this programme.

#### **Review of exports targets**

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

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is reviewing the target of US \$500 billion in exports by March, 2014;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had taken a decision to double the exports by 2013-14 two years back, but had to revise the target on many accounts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

On the back drop of robust export growth and favourable global economic environment, Department of Commerce, in May 2011, had prepared a strategy for Doubling Merchandise Exports in three years from US\$ 246 billion in 2010-11 to US\$ 500 billion in 2013-14.