

three years, *i.e.* from 2010-11 to 2012-13 exports as percentage of GDP has increased by 1.6% whereas Imports has increased by around 5%. The corresponding increase of trade deficit as percentage of GDP is around 3.5 %.

(Value in US\$ Billion)					Percent share		
Year	Exports	Imports	Trade Deficit	GDP	Export as % of GDP	Import as % of GDP	Trade Deficit as % of GDP
2010-2011	251.1	369.8	118.6	1594.9	15.7	23.2	7.4
2011-2012	306.0	489.3	183.4	1743.1	17.6	28.1	10.5
2012-2013	300.4	490.7	190.3	1738.8	17.3	28.2	10.9

Source: DGCI & S

Exports of Engineering Goods, Gems and Jewellery, Textiles, Electronics Goods, Ores and Minerals, have come down in 2012-13 as compared to 2011-12. At the same time import of Petroleum (crude and products), Gold and Silver, Electronic Goods, Coal, Coke and Briquettes, Edible Oil and Fertilizers have increased in 2012-13 as compared to 2010-11.

(c) Government has announced certain export promotion measures as part of Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy (2009-14) on 18.04.2013. Government has also enhanced the rate of interest subvention from 2% to 3% *w.e.f.* 01.08.2013.

Export promotion measures

1404. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has announced certain export promotion measures as part of Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy (2009-14) on 18 April, 2013;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the impact of the announcement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN) : (a) and (b) Certain measures to increase exports, were announced as part of the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy (2009-14) on 18.04.2013. Government has added Norway to Focus Market Scheme (FMS) thereby bringing the total markets under Focus Market Scheme to 125. Venezuela has been added to Special Focus Market Scheme (Special FMS). 47 new items have been added to Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) and 122 new items have been added to the Focus. Product Scheme (FPS). Incremental Exports Incentivisation Scheme (IEIS) has been extended for the year 2013-14 and 53 Latin American and African countries have been added in the list of eligible countries *w.e.f.* 1.4.2013. The details of announcement are available on the website of DGFT at <http://dgft.gov.in>.

(c) All these measures were designed to increase exports and seem to be showing result. Exports during April-Oct. 2013 were to the tune of 179.02 Billion US\$ *vis-a-vis* 168.70 Billion US\$ in the same period last year. This is an increase of 6.11% in 2013-14 over the same period in the previous year.

Exports of spices

1405. SHRIMATI VASANTHI STANLEY :

DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU :

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

(a) the item-wise total quantum of the spices exported from India during the last three years and the current year, along with the foreign exchange earned therefrom;

(b) the details of the steps taken/being taken by Government and the Spices Board to encourage export of spices during the said period; and

(c) the year-wise and State-wise details of the workshops organized by the Spices Board in different parts of the country during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN) : (a) The major item-wise export of spices from India for the last 3 years and the current year (Apr.-Sept.2013) is given in the Statement (*See below*).