

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to attain their common objective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals

1180. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a new organisation called Export Promotion Council for Pharmaceuticals or PHAR-MEXCIL to promote the Pharmaceutical Industry;

(b) whether Director General of Foreign Trade has issued a Public Notice dated May 12th, 2004 for creation of PHAR-MEXCIL;

(c) if so, whether organisation would be based in Hyderabad with a regional office in Mumbai;

(d) if so, whether Government assure of setting up the new organisation at Hyderabad in short period and if so, within how many months; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The office is being set up by the Industry and not by the Government.

Tea exports

1181. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase production and exports of tea;

(b) if so, the target set therefor during last three years and the achievement made in this regard; and

(c) the details of the proposal of the Tea Board to increase area under tea plantation during Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target set and achievement made in respect of production and export during last three years is furnished below:

(in Million Kgs.)

Year	Production		Export	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
2001-02	900	847.46	205	190
2002-03	875	837.60	200	184
2003-04	851	850.49	200	180

The targets have been progressively reduced during this period because of the difficult position that the industry has been facing in the last few years due to a situation of over supply internationally.

(c) During Tenth Plan, an area of 2700 hectares is envisaged for new cultivation spread over North East States, Sikkim and Uttaranchal under the ongoing tea plantation development scheme of the Tea Board.

Pressure for outsourcing of Services

1182. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the fact that US companies are under pressure from consulting companies such as Boston Consulting Group to outsource to low cost countries or perish; and

(b) if so, the measures Government have taken to get the due share in the business that can be handled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN): (a) Consulting companies such as the Boston Consulting Group have come out with reports highlighting the benefits of outsourcing under certain conditions.