

Statement*State-wise number of Sick Paper Mills during 1-1-2000 to 31-3-2003*

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Sick Paper Mills
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3
2.	Bihar	1
3.	Chhattisgarh	1
4.	Gujarat	11
5.	Kerala	2
6.	Karnataka	2
7.	Madhya Pradesh	1
8.	Maharashtra	17
9.	NCT Delhi	12
10.	Punjab	9
11.	Tamil Nadu	6
12.	Uttar Pradesh	9
13.	West Bengal	2
	TOTAL	76

Impact of New Exim policy on exports

†4501. SHRI ABHAY KANT PRASAD : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) the impact of new Exim Policy on our exports;
- (b) the total value of exports made since 1 April, 2003 in various fields;
- (c) whether any increase has been registered in the exports to the countries which have adopted common currency;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the status of export of the country?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDDI) : (a) to (d) The Exim Policy 2003-04 has come into force only *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2003 and India's foreign trade data pertaining to April, 2003 will be available only by 1st June, 2003. Thus it is too early to see its impact on our exports. However, India's exports of merchandise goods for the year 2002-03 has been valued at US\$ 51.7 billion implying a growth rate of 18.05% thereby surpassing the target of 12% and the new Exim Policy has many policies to increase both merchandise and services exports. The major countries where an increase of India's exports has been registered during April-January 2002-03 are USA (29.09%), China (95.71%), EU (15.12%), UAE (32.78%) and Japan (24.27%), etc.

(e) Export promotion being a constant endeavour, a Medium Term Export Strategy which is co-terminus with the 10th Plan period (2002—07) was announced in January, 2002 with the objective of enhancing India's exports. In line with this strategy, a number of programmes/schemes have been launched which include schemes like Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure (ASIDE), establishing Agri Export Zones, Market Access Initiative, strengthening "Focus LAC" programme, introducing "Focus Africa" programme, etc. In the Exim Policy 2003-04, besides, the focus on Service exports, policies have been devised to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOUs), etc. A new programme called "Focus CIS" has been introduced. Thus measures are being taken from time to time to increase India's exports.

Impact of communal disturbances on industries in Gujarat

4502. SHRI AHMED PATEL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent communal disturbances in Gujarat have adversely affected the industrialisation of the State as the entrepreneurs have started deserting the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to control this situation in the State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY) : (a) to (c) There has been no adverse effect of recent communal