

Import and Export Policy, import of finished rolls of cinematographic colour films (unexposed) positive' can be made under Open General Licence by all persons for actual use/stock and sale. Data regarding price paid per square metre by individual importers is not maintained.

Export of Granite

4993. SHRI M.G. REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of granite exported and

the foreign exchange earned during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase its production and export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. C. H-DAMBARAM): (a) The quantity of granite exported and the foreign exchange earned during the last three years have been as under:

Year	Qty. ('000Mt)	Value (Million Rs.)
1988-89	543.2	1300.8
1989-90	544.0	1470.0
1990-91	732.6	2270.0

(b) Steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase production and export of grant of letters of permission under the 100% ECU Scheme to establish granite cutting and polishing units, grant of Exim Scrips at 39% of the net foreign exchange earnings, income tax benefit under Section 80 HHC of the Income Tax Act, etc. for cut and polished granite.

Functioning of Global Positioning System

4994. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi Edition dated November 24, 1991 under the caption "Maps out moded by satellite";

(b) if so, whether any in-depth study has been made of the functioning of the Global Positioning System (GPS) from the Defence point of view;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government regarding the commercial exploitation of the Global Positioning System?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. However, it will not be in the interest of national security to disclose further details in this regard.

(d) Since the GPS is still at an experimental stage, no commercial uses can be envisaged.