

EXPORT TARGET OF TOOL INDUSTRY

3567. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the target set by the tool industry for export during the Sixth Plan;

(b) whether any efforts were made to meet the rising demand for tools in developed and developing countries;

(c) whether it is a fact that a study prepared by the International Trade Centre, Geneva have pointed out the possibility of vast market for tools in West Asia South East Asian; and

(d) what measures are being taken in this regard ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC), a Government sponsored Organisation, has set the following targets for export of tools during the remaining years of the Sixth Plan period :

	Rupees	Crores
	Hand, Small & Cutting Tools	Machine Tools
1982-83	60	36
1983-84	75	42
1984-85 (Prov.)	77	50

(b) All efforts are being made by the EEPC to meet the rising demand for tools in developed as well as developing countries by conducting market surveys, participating in trade fairs/exhibitions, organising conferences, inviting buyers delegations, sending trade delegations abroad etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to take advantage of the export opportunities available in West Asian and South East Asian markets, the EEPC sponsored a delegation of machine tools industry to South East Asian countries in 1981 and proposes to send a delegation of machine tool and hand tool industry to Australia during the current year. Apart from this, the EEPC disseminates, on a regular basis, amongst its exporting

member firms the results of market surveys conducted by its foreign offices.

EXPORT OF SPORTS GOODS

3568. SHRI BHIKU RAM JAIN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the value of Indian sports goods exported during the last three years; year-wise;

(b) the target fixed for exports of sports goods this year and the measures proposed for extending encouragement to exporters of sports goods; and

(c) whether it is also proposed to re-classify and include various items under sports which are at present excluded from sports goods; if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The export figures for the last three years are as under :

	(Rs. in crores)
1979-80	24.38
1980-81	28.49
1981-82	29.88 (Tentative)

(b) The export target for 1982-83 has been provisionally fixed at Rs. 35 crores. In order to encourage exporters of sports goods the following steps/measures have been/are being taken;

(i) Cash Compensatory Support is being given on exports of sports goods;

(ii) Imports of Nylon Gut, ashwood and beechwood, willow clefts, feathers and cork bottom, have been allowed duty free;

(iii) The sports goods trade and the Council have been permitted to participate in fairs/exhibitions abroad with Government in aid;

(iv) Sponsoring sales teams/study teams abroad;

(v) Abolition/reduction in customs duties on items which are used as raw materials for manufacturing sports goods.

(c) Government review the matter periodically and classify items which are essentially sports goods items. Recently