

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGET OF EXPORT IMPORT

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

- (a) The details of country's total Export/Import made annually during the last three years;
- (b) whether any target was fixed in this regard;
- (c) if so, the year-wise target set for Export/Import during the Ninth Five Year Plan Period;
- (d) the extent to which the target has been achieved during the first three years, year-wise and resultant trade deficit thereof;
- (e) the steps taken/being taken to ensure achievement of Ninth Five Year Plan target so far as growth of exports and imports are concerned;
- (f) whether any fresh list of items which could be exported in addition to existing one has been prepared; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) The details of India's total export and import during the last three years as provided by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Calcutta are as follows:

(In US \$ Million)

Year	Exports	Imports
1997-98	35006	41484
1998-99	33219	42389
1999-2000	37538	46154
Provisional		

(b) to (d): The export targets are fixed annually. The year-wise targets set for exports during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan and trade deficit are as follows :

(In US \$ Million.)

Year	Export targets	Target growth	Export performance	Export growth	Trade Rate (%)	(%)	Deficit	
1997-98	39052	18.0	35006	4.6	6478	1998-99	38282	
1998-99	38282	12.7	33219	(-)	5.1	9170	1999-2000	37400
1999-2000	37400	11.3	37538	11.6	8616	Provisional		

Export target for 2000-2001 is 18% and the export growth rate in April-September 2000-2001 has been 22.04%.

No targets are fixed for imports. The Ninth Plan Document envisages total exports at Rs. 8,00,900 crores at 1996-97 prices in the Ninth Plan period.

(e) to (g) : A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures from time to time. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Identification of new sectors, new items and new markets for exports is a continuous process.