

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE FROM PARADEEP PORT  
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

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(a) whether there is a decline in the percentage of foreign trade carried out through Paradeep Port in the year 1999-2000 in comparison to previous two years; (

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and (

(c) the steps taken to boost the foreign trade from this port?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

( a ) : No, Sir. The value of foreign trade carried through Paradeep Port grew by 3.7% in 1999-2000 as compared to 1998-99 and by 2.8% in 1998-99 as compared to 1997-98.

( b ) : Does not arise.

( c ) : Government has encouraged development of hub ports on Eastern and Western Coasts of the country to avoid transshipment of cargo over the foreign ports. One Container Freight Station is functioning at Paradeep. Steps for encouraging infrastructure for handling cargo at various ports including at Paradeep Port have also been taken up.