

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

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HIRING OF CONSULTANTS TO INCREASE EXPORTS

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

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(a) whether the Government have decided to hire consultants to study industries abroad with a view to increase the exports of our domestic industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; (

(c) the countries proposed to be included for such study; (

(d) the sectors proposed to be included for the study; (

(e) the strategy adopted by the Government to boost the export after the globalisation; and (

(f) the extent to which it would be helpful to boost the exports?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH )

(a) to (d) : Export promotion being a constant endeavor of the Government, studies are commissioned from time to time through various agencies with a view to identify export potential and to improve competitiveness of our exports vis-À-vis other competitive countries. The coverage of such studies includes various sectors and various countries having export potentials.

(e) to (f): A number of steps have been taken to enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction costs through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Special Economic Zones are being set up to further boost the exports. Besides these, the measures announced in the new Exim Policy 2001-2002 inter alia include promotion of agricultural exports, market access initiative, setting up business cum trade facilitation centre and trade portal, strengthening of the Advance Licensing Scheme, etc.