

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

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INTER-MINISTERIAL GROUP TO REVIEW EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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- (a) whether the Government are considering to appoint an inter-ministerial group to look afresh into existing schemes for export and import; (
- (b) if so, the details thereof; (
- (c) whether some of the exporters Associations have criticised the EXIM policy for not incorporating enough export promotion measures; (
- (d) if so, whether India's share in the World Trade is declining; and (
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to promote export and to help the exporters?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The new five year EXIM Policy co-terminus with Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-07) is due for announcement in March, 2002. The announcement of the new Policy is always preceded by an evaluation of all existing schemes on the basis of an elaborate process of consultation with the trade and industry and various ministries of the Government of India.
- (c) The last two annual exim policy announcements have been largely welcomed by the trade and industry.
- (d) & (e) : India's share in the world trade has been steadily increasing during the 1990s after recording the lowest figure of 0.4% in 1980. Efforts are on to achieve the targets of 1% by the year 2004-05. Various measures like Special Economic Zones, Market Access Initiative, Involvement of States and Agri Export Zone are intended to enable exporters to realise this goal.