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

- (a) whether the Government have approved proposal to extend transport subsidy for the export of fruits, vegetables, poultry and dairy products;
- (b) if so, whether this scheme was scheduled to be operationalised by the month of July, 2002;
- (c) if so, the approximate value of this transport subsidy;
- (d) whether this scheme is compatible with the WTO guidelines;
- (e) if so, whether this subsidy scheme can be extended to other exportable products; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (f): Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has prepared a scheme for transport assistance for selected fruits, vegetables, poultry and dairy products with a total outlay of Rs. 95 crores during the tenth plan. This is presently under appraisal of relevant Government agencies. Such assistance is WTO compatible under the extant Agreement on Agriculture which permits reimbursement of certain costs, including internal and international transport and freight costs. Extension of such a reimbursement for other products will depend both on actual need for such a reimbursement and on availability of funds.