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INDIA'S SHARE IN WORLD EXPORT

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

- (a) whether India's share in the international trade is still below one percent despite WTO agreements;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the developed countries are more benefited than the developing countries following the WTO agreements;
- (d) if so, the facts in this regard and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the remedial measures being taken/proposed to be taken to enhance India's share in world trade?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) In 1992-93, India's share in the world merchandise exports was only 0.41%, as per WTO report. This increased to 0.67% in 2000 and 0.7% in 2001. Thus, India's share in merchandise exports is increasing continuously.

(c) & (d). The WTO provides a multilateral forum for dealing with trade issues. While the benefits due to WTO also depends on the stage of development of an individual member, each member has equal importance in the WTO activities. By signing the WTO Agreement, all members have inherited certain rights and obligations. The WTO Dispute Settlement System, the corner stone of the multilateral trading system provides the members with equal opportunity to defend their rights and fulfil their obligations.

(e). A Medium Term Export Strategy (MTES) to be co-terminus with the 10th plan period (2002-2007) was announced in January, 2002 with the objective of achieving 1% of world exports by 2007. A number of programmes/schemes have been launched which include schemes like Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure (ASIDE), establishing Agri Export Zones, Marke Access Initiative, strengthening `Focus LAC` programme, introducing `Focus Africa` programme etc. In the Exim Policy 2003-04, besides, the focus on Service exports, policies have been devised to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU`s), etc. A new programme called `Focus CIS` has been introduced. Thus measures are being taken from time to time to increase India's share in world exports.