

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6640
ANSWERED ON:08.05.2003
PRODUCTION OF HEAVY AND LIGHT VEHICLES
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been significant increase in the production of heavy and light vehicles during the last two years;
- (b) if so, the number of heavy and light vehicles produced in the country during the last two years` year-wise and vehicle-wise;
- (c) the number of vehicles exported during the last two years, alongwith the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the export of vehicles?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (d): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.6640 regarding Production of Heavy & Light Vehicles for answer on 08.05.2003

(a) While the commercial vehicle sector had recorded a negative growth rate of 6.70% in the year 2001-2002, the sector recorded a positive growth rate of 25% during the last year i.e. 2002-2003.

(b) As per information received from the Society of Indian automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the production of light and heavy commercial vehicles during the last two years is as under:-

(in numbers)

Category	2001-02	2001-2003
Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicles	96752	120081
Light Commercial Vehicles	66756	82865

(c) The commercial vehicles are exported to a number of countries. As per information received from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the number of commercial vehicles exported during the last two years is as under:-

(in numbers)

Category	2001-02	2002-03
Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicles	4824	4804
Light Commercial Vehicles	7046	5900

As per information received from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade, the total value of export of commercial vehicles during 2001-02 was Rs.240.80 crore and the same during 2002-03 (upto December, 2002) was Rs.85.27 crore..

(d) Major upgradation of automotive testing infrastructure, phased implementation of Auto Policy, which aims at making India a global automotive hub and encouragement to industry for participating in international auto fairs etc. are some of the initiatives aimed at helping the growth of export of commercial vehicles.