

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1503
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EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the role of Export Promotion Councils set up in various places in the country in the promotion of the export of products like leather, spices, coffee and tea;
- (b) whether the regional Centres of these Export Promotion Councils acts as mediator between the producers and processors with consumers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the performance of the Export Promotion Councils during each of the last three years; and
- (e) the expected performance during the year 2000-2001 ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) (b) & (c) : There are 20 Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) out of which 11 are under the administrative control of the Deptt. of Commerce and 9 are under the administrative control of the Ministry of Textile. These Councils are registered as non-profit organisations under the Companies Act/ Societies Registration Act. The EPCs provide a forum for addressing various issues related to export performance of the sector/industry covered by them. They undertake a host of export performance activities like organisation of exhibitions/buyers seller meets/sending delegation abroad etc. They also provide relevant information on market trends, trade enquiries etc. to their members. Export promotion of Spices, Coffee and Tea are looked after by Boards set up by the Government for each of these commodities. There are no separate EPCs for these products.

Some of the Export Promotion Councils have opened regional offices in various parts of the country to provide better inter-action with the local exporters.

(d) & (e) Export Promotion Councils are not directly involved in export activities. Their role is mainly promotional in nature and hence it is not appropriate to evaluate their performance in terms of exports as exports are made by individual exporters. However, exports of principal commodities during the last three years are given in the enclosed statement at Annexure-I. It is not feasible to evaluate the expected performance of various sectors as future exports depend on a variety of domestic and international factors which are not determinable.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) and (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED Q.NO.1503 FOR ANSWER ON 3.3.2000 REGARDING EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

1996-97 1997-98 1998-99

I PLANTATION 693.99 961.24 952.04

1.Tea 292.14 504.86 547.19
2.Coffee 401.86 456.38 404.85

II. AGRICULTURE & ALLIED PRODUCTS 4596.29 4236.56 3952.25

1 Cereal 1104.07 910.54 1478.25

a) Rice	893.62	907.04	1473.90
b) Wheat	196.75	0.11	0.65
c) Others	13.70	3.39	3.69
2 Pulses	37.06	97.10	51.99
3 Tobacco	213.18	287.97	185.19
a) Unmanufactured	186.05	246.87	140.48
b) Manufactured	27.13	41.10	44.71
4 Spices	338.63	379.30	384.30
5 Nuts & Seeds	532.22	612.39	489.70
a) Casshew incl. CNSL	362.89	378.60	383.44
b) Sesame & Niger Seed	77.54	81.42	77.15
c) Groundnut	91.79	152.38	29.11
6 Oil Meals	984.61	924.32	454.56
7 Guergum Meal	100.32	146.64	171.53
8 Castor Oil	176.69	155.02	158.96
9 Shellac	14.73	15.63	16.53
10 Sugar & Mollasses	303.63	68.59	5.44
11 Processed Foods	482.02	346.63	310.01
a) Fresh Fruits & Veg	163.04	158.70	125.84
b) Fruits/Vegetable seeds.	11.85	14.39	14.58
c) Processed & misc. processed items	307.13	173.54	169.59
12 Meat & Preparations	199.69	217.51	180.77
13 Poultry & Dairy Prod.	34.87	31.76	23.52
14 Floriculture products	17.86	23.34	24.59
15 Spirit & Beverages	56.70	19.81	16.90
III. MARINE PRODTS	1128.91	1207.26	1038.24
IV. ORES & MINERALS	1172.37	1061.06	890.94
1.Iron Ore	480.69	476.17	380.20
2.Mica	7.05	10.77	10.35
3.Processed minerals	339.00	336.85	235.18
4.Other ores & minerals	322.37	213.50	233.45
5.Coal	23.27	23.78	31.77
V. LEATHER & MFRS.	1605.82	1656.69	1653.36
1.Footwear	586.15	548.33	575.42
2.Leather & mfrs.	1019.67	1108.36	1077.94
VI. GEMS & JEWELLERY	4752.71	5345.52	5904.05

VII. SPORTS GOODS 78.05 80.76 72.07

VIII. CHEMICALS & RELATED PRODUCTS 4102.65 4551.09 4180.20

1.Basic chemls., pharma 2497.38 2821.79 2645.19
and cosmetics
2.Plastics & Linoleum 539.43 514.33 480.30
3.Rubber, glass & Other products 872.97 866.83 808.07
4.Residual chemicals 192.87 348.14 246.65
and allied products

IX. ENGINEERING GOODS 4055.14 4435.29 3803.51

X. ELECTRONIC GOODS 854.91 819.24 563.81

1.Electronics 783.67 759.57 499.26
2.Computer Software 71.23 59.67 64.55

XI. PROJECT GOODS 52.64 81.64 48.80

XII. TEXTILES 8045.32 8504.85 8411.02

1.Readymade garments 3753.28 3876.18 4444.42
2.Cotton,yarn,fabrics made-ups, etc 3121.73 3264.28 2773.78
3.Manmade textiles made-ups, etc. 721.51 822.80 720.82
4.Natural silk textiles 128.79 176.43 181.55
5.Wool & woolen mfrs 103.65 109.75 74.67
6.Coir & coir mfrs. 60.99 68.57 74.43
7.Jute mfrs. 155.37 186.84 141.35

XIII. HANDICRAFTS 475.67 525.86 625.78

XIV. CARPETS 590.51 545.60 534.86

1.Hand-made excl. silk 436.30 410.61 413.38
2.Mill-made excl. silk 134.83 105.53 99.88
3.Silk carpets 19.37 29.46 21.60

XV. COTTON RAW Incl. Waste 443.52 221.15 53.25

XVI. PETROLIUM Products 481.79 352.75 89.43

XVII. UNCLASSIFIED Exports 339.47 419.79 884.93

GRAND TOTAL 33469.76 35007.85 33641.00