

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4010
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EXPORT OF SAND
PON RADHAKRISHNAN

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

- (a) whether the Government are exporting various kinds of sand such as Ilmonite, Monazite, Zircon, Thorium and Rutile;
- (b) if so, the names of countries to whom these are being exported;
- (c) whether there is a proposal to start any industry based on Thorium Sand in Kanyakumari; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which proposed project is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Atomic Energy has intimated that thorium is not a sand. The countries to which the materials excluding thorium are exported are as follows:

Ilmonite USA, Norway, S.Korea, Germany, etc.
Zircon Dubai, China, etc.
Monazite China
Rutile Nepal, Saudi Arabia, etc

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.