GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3479 ANSWERED ON:20.08.2004 EXPORT TO CHINA Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

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

(a) whether India's exports to China increased during 2003-04, if so, the exports to China during 2003-04 and 2001-02 and the percentage increase registered thereby and the corresponding imports from China during the aforesaid period;

(b) what are the main items which find a popular market in China; and

(c) what specific measures were taken to boost India's exports to China?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) The position of Indo-China trade from 2001-02 to 2003-04 is as under :-

(US\$ MILLION)

2001-02 2002-03(P) 2003-04

Export 951.95 1975.48 2959.22 %age growth +14.87 +107.51 +49.80

Import 2036.39 2792.04 4048.35 %age growth +36.44 +37.10 + 45.00

Trade volume 2988.34 4767.52 7007.57 %age growth +28.74 +59.53 +46.98

(Source DGCI&S)

(P) - Provisional

(b) The main items of India's exports to China are iron ore, primary and finished iron and steel, plastic and linoleum products, other ores and minerals, processed minerals and chemicals.

(c) The steps being taken, on an on-going basis, for increasing India's exports to China include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions, organizing buyer-seller meets, exchange of delegations at both government and business levels, exchange of information, etc.