

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

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

- (a) whether there has been sharp decrease in export trade during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof item-wise along with their quantity and value during the same period;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any suggestions from various export promotion councils to increase the exports trade; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) There has been no decrease in exports. In fact there has been a sharp increase in exports during the last three years.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) In a meeting held on 18th October 2005 with the representatives of Export Promotion Bodies, suggestions were called from them for export promotion. This was part of a continuous process to consult stakeholders before framing Government policies. The Government has already taken note of various suggestions and initiated action to simplify procedures, address the issue of inverted duty structure on certain commodities and evolve a new DEPB successor scheme that will be more WTO compatible and administratively convenient to implement.