

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

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS

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

- (a) whether the Government has sanctioned any financial assistance to Export Promotion Councils;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding employment opportunity generated through export-import; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir, Government provides financial assistance to Export Promotion Councils for undertaking Code activities and reimbursement to Exporters under Market Development Assistance (MDA) Scheme of Department of Commerce. Assistance is also provided to Export Promotion Councils, other Trade Promotion Organizations, etc., under the Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme. These Schemes are available on the website of Department of Commerce. During the year 2005-06, an amount of about Rs. 38.47 crores was released under MDA Scheme and about Rs. 19.91 crores was released under MAI Scheme.

(c) and (d) As per a study conducted by the RIS in 2005, estimates of direct and indirect jobs created in export-related activities during 2002-03 to 2004-05 are as under :-

2002-03	130.96 lakhs
2003-04	133.92 lakhs
2004-05 (Projected)	159.72 lakhs