

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOREIGN TRADE POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy for 2004-09 announced recently;
- (b) whether special incentives have been made available to the exporters;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of special incentives given to other sectors of the economy especially agricultural sector:
- (e) whether the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09 emphasise importance of agri exports and steps taken by the Government under this policy have not brought any fruitful results; and
- (f) if so, the main reasons therefor and the steps taken or being taken by the Government to look into the fall in agricultural exports?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) : The salient features of the Annual supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy for 2004-09 containing the incentives to various sectors are available in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) (updated as on 19.4.2007). Copies of the FTP are available in the Parliament Library.

(e) & (f) : Yes Sir. To boost exports of agri products such as Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers, Minor Forest produce, Dairy, Poultry and their value added products, Government have launched Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana on 1st September 2004. The Scheme has been renamed as Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana from 1st April 2006 onwards. Exports of Agri products have shown upward trend since 2004.