

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

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INDO-US MEDICINE TRADE

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

- (a) whether the government proposes to consider export of medicines to America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any talks have been held between the two countries in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Medicines are being exported to the United States of America and the exports of pharmaceutical products during 2003-04 were more than US\$ 230 Million.

(c) & (d) Dialogue between the two countries for trade promotion is a sustained and continuous effort. Regular interaction takes place at various levels to expand and diversify trade through different trade promotion measures.