

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

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DECLINE IN EXPORTS

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

- (a) whether export from India particularly in garments, gems and jewellery has declined considerably during the last few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any assessment has been made in this regard;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check this decline in the Indian exports;
- (e) the details of success achieved in this direction; and
- (f) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the country through the export of gems and jewellery, during the last four years year-wise ?

Answer

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

(a). No, Sir. India's exports of garments and gems & jewellery have not declined. On the contrary they have registered a positive growth in the last few years which is high for most of the years. The growth rates of these items are given below.

(Value in US million dollar)

2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

Value	Growth	Value	growth(%)	Value	Growth
Rate (%)		(%)			

Total Exports	52719	20.3	63455	20.44	40291 (Apr-Oct.)	23.7
Gems & Jewellery	9029.94	23.59	10509.79	16.38	4090.8 (Apr-July)	45.9
Readymade garments	5689.91	13.64	6088.42	7.00	2007.38 (Apr-July)	14.9

(b) to (e). Does not arise.

(f). The value of exports of gems & jewellery in dollar terms during the last four years is as under :

(US million dollar)

Year	Value of exports
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2000-01	7384.01
2001-02	7306.28
2002-03	9029.94
2003-04	10509.79

