

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

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INDIAN EXPORTS TO US

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

- (a) whether the exports to United States by Sea belie forecasts decline as reported in Mint newspaper dated February, 13, 2008;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No Sir.Indian exports to US by sea have been increasing. The figures for Indian exports to US by sea for the last 3 years with percentage increase are given below.

India's exports to U.S.A. by sea (in \$ billions)

Year 2004 2005 2006 2007

India's Exports to U.S.A. 8.71 10.83 12.64 14.19

Percentage change over previous year- 24.25 16.74 12.21

Source: US Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census

(c) To increase and diversify Indian exports to US, the Government of India holds regular dialogue with the US Government, including under the Trade Policy Forum and Commercial Dialogue. Further, the Embassy of India and the four Indian Consulates (in the United States) undertake regular market promotion activities to increase Indian exports, including assisting visiting business delegations from India, conducting market surveys and responding to the trade enquiries.