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SETTING UP OF EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL FOR TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of exports made from the Telecom Sector during the last three years including the current year;
- (b) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export in the coming years;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up an export Promotion Council for the Telecom Sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

- (a) The total amount of exports made from telecom sector during the last three years are as under:

2006-07 Rs. 2523 Crore

2007-08 Rs. 8131 Crore

2008-09 Rs. 6600 Crore (approx.)

(April - Sept.08)

- (b) The Government has taken following steps to promote export of telecom equipments:

- (i) No Industrial licence is required for establishing manufacturing units
- (ii) 100% FDI is allowed in telecom equipment manufacturing
- (iii) Promoting setting up of Special Economic Zones
- (iv) upgradation of Infrastructure
- (v) deregulation in Imports and Exports
- (vi) encouraging global manufacturers to set up units in India
- (vii) setting up of Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council

(c) to (e) With a view to promote export of telecom equipments and services, the Government has already set up an Export Promotion Council for Telecom Sector, namely, "Telecom Equipment and Services Export Promotion Council (TEPC). The main functions of the Council are as under:

- (i) to play the role as Apex body for promotion and development of export of telecom equipments and services;

- (ii) to undertake and promote market studies/surveys in selected foreign countries;
- (iii) to undertake publicity and participate in, and or organize exhibitions both in India as well as abroad;
- (iv) to assess manpower and training requirements for export market developments;
- (v) to act as a bridge between manufactures, exporters and the Government for establishing the correct liaison and perception relationship; and
- (vi) to promote, science, diffusion of knowledge foundation and maintenance of library as related telecom export industry, etc.