GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8 ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005 ORANGES EXPORT Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

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

(a) whether the Government has formulated any special scheme to increase the export of oranges;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the quantum of oranges in tonnes exported annually particularly from Vidhrabh region of Maharashtra; and

(d) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the Government through export of oranges during each of the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has set up Agri Export Zones for oranges in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh with the object of strengthening the infrastructure, market development and convergence of efforts of Central, State Government and private agencies for exports.

(c)&(d) State wise or region wise export figures are not maintained. The quantity and value of oranges exported from India during the last three year are given below:

Year Quantity (in metric tones) Value. Rupees in crores (million US \$) 2001-02 28588 31.87 (7.08) 2002-03 27484 28.46(6.32) 2003-04 57247 52.27(11.62)

Source: DGCI&S. I US \$ =Rs 45/-