

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

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FIREWORKS PRODUCTION  
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

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

- (a) whether 90 per cent of fireworks produced in the country are from Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether it is proposed to set up Fireworks Research Centre;
- (c) if so, the details and location thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the fireworks export earns a huge amount of foreign exchange;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, country-wise;
- (f) whether the Government have framed any welfare package for the workers engaged in fireworks industry;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b)& (c) : The Government is setting up a Fireworks Research and Development Centre at Sivakasi for testing and development of fireworks.

(d) & (e) : During the year 2003-04 fireworks worth Rs. 29.73 lakh were exported. Country-wise break-up is given in the statement laid on the Table of the House.

(f),(g)&(h): The Government of Tamil Nadu is implementing a Group Personal Accident Insurance Scheme for the benefit of workers of match and fireworks industry in Tamil Nadu. The scheme is designed to give relief in case of death, or injury to insured persons due to accidents. The Tamil Nadu Government has also constituted a welfare fund for the workers in registered match factories and fireworks factories to provide education, recreation, medical aid and other welfare amenities to the workers