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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether India's exports in the current year have surged indicating revival of the economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to provide special incentives to certain items for their exports to new markets as recommended in the economic survey;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, sector-wise;
- (e) the details regarding export target set for the year 2010-11;
- (f) the details regarding response of the Government to protectionist measures being taken by the leading economies like-US; and
- (g) the details regarding closure of export oriented industries and job loss in export sector due to global meltdown?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (e): India's month-wise merchandise export figures in dollar terms, for the period April, 2009 to February, 2010 and the corresponding period in previous year are given in Annexure. The decline in exports which started in October, 2008 continued till September, 2009 and from October, 2009 onwards, monthly exports have moved to positive trajectory, which means that there are signs of recovery in our exports. However, the cumulative exports in dollar terms during the period April 2009 to February, 2010 still show a decline of 9.55%, as compared to the same period in 2008-09.

In the wake of the global economic slowdown, particularly in our traditional markets, and its impact on our exports, significant support was provided in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2009-14, announced on 27.08.09, for market diversification and for enhancing export competitiveness of Indian products. Additional support measures were announced in January/March, 2010. Complete details of the products and countries / markets for which incentives have been announced are in public domain and is available in the website <http://dgft.gov.in>. Further, need based measures would be taken, as may be required from time to time, keeping in view the financial and overall economic implications.

Government has set a merchandise export target of US\$ 200 billion for the financial year 2010-11.

(f): Indian Government is constantly monitoring the protectionist measures being taken by the leading economies on Indian exports and has been taking up all such issues during the Trade Policy Forum meetings from time to time. For the protectionist measures and Restricted Trade Practices of the US, Indian Government has taken up with the US side during bilateral meetings and meetings of India-US Trade Policy Forum.

(g): Global economic meltdown contributed to decline in India's merchandise exports, and some attendant job losses. As per the Quarterly Employment Surveys conducted by the Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour & Employment, after an overall decline in employment in the exporting units to the extent of 1.67 lakh during April to June, 2009 over January to March, 2009, the exporting units have shown recovery by registering an increase in employment to the extent of 2.04 lakhs during July to September, 2009 over April to June, 2009 and 5.80 lakhs during October to December, 2009 over July to September, 2009.