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REVIEW OF TRADE POLICY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the trade policy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to make the trade policy result oriented;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government released the five year Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2009-14 on 27.8.2009. The policy is being constantly reviewed from time to time and necessary need based amendments are carried out in terms of Notifications and Public Notices, which are available in the public domain. Sectoral performance reviews of export sectors are being conducted at regular intervals. After the release of FTP, first such sectoral performance review was done in December, '09 and after performance analysis, additional support measures were taken in January and March, 2010 under FTP. Second sectoral performance review has been undertaken in April, 2010.

(c) to (e): The immediate objective of this FTP is to arrest and reverse the declining trend in exports, due to unprecedented global economic slowdown and to provide additional support specially to those sectors which have been hit badly by recession in developed world. It included a mix of policy measures including fiscal incentives, procedural rationalization, facilitation of technological upgradation, enhanced market access across the world and diversification of export markets. Progressive reduction in the decline in exports and positive growth in exports on month to month basis since October, 2009 indicates that the stimulus packages announced by the Government and RBI and the measures taken in FTP, have significantly contributed to export growth.