

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

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

- (a) whether India participated in the International Expo Stone-2009 held in Russia in June, 2009;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which India's participation has helped in creating a market for stone export to Russia; and
- (c) the other measures being taken by the Government to encourage/promote Indian natural stone exporters to get a share in the Russian market and outcome thereon?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Under the banner of Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council (CAPEXIL) around ten companies participated in the International Stone fair at Moscow from 23rd to 26th June, 2009. Apart from this, six more Indian companies participated on their own. The Russian stone market is growing due to their growth in the construction industry. Due to large number of companies participating in the fair, there was a better impact. A large numbers of potential visitors made serious inquiries for supply of stone products.

(c) All incentives under the Foreign Trade Promotion Schemes are available to the Indian natural stone exporters.