

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CORE GROUP FOR EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a core group has been formed with trade and industry associations to boost exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives of this core group;
- (c) whether such core groups constitute duplication of already existing bodies; and
- (d) if not, the distinctions between such groups?

Answer

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

(a) The Foreign Trade. Policy provides for a Board of Trade under the Chairmanship of Commerce & Industry Minister for advising Government on relevant issues connected with Foreign Trade. The Board of Trade includes nominated experts in Trade Policy, Chairmen of recognized Export Promotion Councils, Presidents/ Secretary Generals of Recognized Chambers of Commerce and relevant Government Officials.

(b) The Terms of reference of Board of Trade are

To advise the Government on Policy measures for preparation and implementation of both short and long term plans for increasing exports in the light of emerging national and international economic scenarios;

To review export performance of various sectors, identify constraints and suggest industry specific measures to optimize export earnings;

To examine the existing institutional framework for import and exports and suggest practical measures for further streamlining to achieve the desired objectives;

To review the policy instruments and procedures for imports and exports and suggest steps to rationalize and channelise such schemes for optimum use;

To examine issues which are considered relevant for promotion of India's foreign trade, and to strengthen the international competitiveness of Indian goods and services; and

To commission studies for furtherance of the above objectives;

(c) and (d): Does not arise.