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EXPORT OF HIGH-TECH PRODUCTS

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

- (a) the details of the products which come under the high-tech product export promotion scheme;
- (b) whether the benefits on duty credit is being given for importing of some items; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) The High-Tech Products Export Promotion Scheme (HTPEPS) was in existence in the Foreign Trade Policy from 1.4.2007 till 26.8.2009. Under this Scheme, certain high-tech products were notified for benefit in the form of Duty Credit Scrip. The list of products which were covered under the Scheme is annexed. With effect from 27.8.2009, the Scheme has been discontinued and merged with the Focus Products Scheme [FPS].

(b)&(c) Exporters under HTPEPS were entitled to benefit in the form of Duty Credit Scrip equivalent to 2% of FOB value of exports, for payment of customs duty for import of inputs or goods including capital goods, provided same were freely importable under ITC [HS]. After merger in FPS, these high-tech products continue to get the FPS benefit. Under FPS, exports of notified products, including high-tech products, to all countries are entitled for grant of Duty Credit Scrip equivalent to 2% of FOB value of exports, for exports made from 27.8.2010. However, Special Focus Products are entitled for Duty Credit Scrip equivalent to 5% of FOB value of exports for exports made from 27.8.2009 onwards. Further, certain Focus Products/Sectors are entitled for additional duty credit scrip equivalent to 2% of FOB value of exports, over and above the existing rate, for exports made with effect from 1.4.2010. The objective of FPS is to incentivise export of such products which have high export intensity / employment potential, so as to offset infrastructure inefficiencies and other associated costs involved in marketing of these products.