

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the exports to Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the commodities which are in demand in Afghanistan; and
- (d) whether the Government has identified the priority sectors for trade with Afghanistan?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) Indian industrialists are encouraged to explore commercial opportunities in Afghanistan, including in the contracts awarded by various donor countries, international organisations, and international military forces stationed in Afghanistan.
- (c) Textiles, Gems & Jewellery, Pharmaceuticals, Tobacco Manufactured, Machinery and Instruments, Electronic Goods, Plastic, Manufacturers of Metals and Rubber products have good market potential in Afghanistan.
- (d) Yes, Madam.