

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:576
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MANUFACTURING OF FIREWORKS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and percentage of fireworks manufactured in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a Fireworks Research Centre in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the location identified for the purpose;
- (d) the details of export of fireworks during the last three years, country-wise and foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any welfare package for the workers engaged in fireworks industry; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

- (a): About Ninety percent of fireworks in the country are manufactured from the fireworks factories located in and around Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu. There are about 697 units producing fireworks worth of Rs.800 crores;
- (b)&(c): Fireworks Research and Development Centre (FRDC) has already been setup at Anaiyur Village, Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu, which is the hub of fireworks industry.
- (d): The details of export of fireworks during the last three years, country-wise and foreign exchange earned thereto are as under:-

S.No. Country Values in Rs. Lakh Qty. in thousand Kgs

2008- 2009- 2010- 2011-2012 2008- 2009- 2010- 2011-2012
09 10 11 (Apr-Feb 12) 09 10 11 (Apr- Feb 12)

1 Germany 0.01 0.00

2 Maldives 6.76 2.87 12.34 37.13 4.40 1.80 4.63 8.06

3 Nepal 0.17 0.60 3.94 0.12 1.50 3.00

4 Singapore 0.68 0.01

5 Saudi Arabia 1.24 0.04

6 Sri Lanka DSR 3.42 3.06 6.15 7.00 4.00 2.00

7 Uzbekistan 60.37 8.00

Total 11.59 3.47 20.03 103.65 11.56 3.30 11.64 18.06

Source: DGCIS

(e)&(f): There is no specific welfare scheme for the workers engaged in the firework industry.