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

- (a) the percentage of India's exports being made to the dollar dominated countries;
- (b) the steps being taken for diversification of export destinations; and
- (c) the commodity composition of India's exports along with the steps being taken for diversifying the composition basket?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) Foreign Trade Policy permits all export contracts to be denominated either in freely convertible currency or Indian Rupees. But export proceeds shall be realized in freely convertible currency only.

(b) & (c) In 2011-12, India's major exports were of Engineering goods, Petroleum products, Readymade garments, Gems & Jewellery and Drugs & Chemicals. Focus Market Scheme is designed for diversifying India's exports to different markets. 119 markets have been identified under Focus Market Scheme. A variant of this is the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme. Export to such markets is given benefit in the form of Duty Credit Scrip.

The Government also gives benefit to exporters of specified products under the Focus Product Scheme with a view to incentivise export of products which have high export intensity /employment potential, so as to offset infrastructure inefficiencies and other associated costs involved in marketing of these products.