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EXPORT POTENTIAL OF THE COUNTRY

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

- (a) whether the Government has set any targets to increase exports in certain countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the targets set for export during the financial year 2009-10 and achievements made in this regard so far country-wise and productwise;
- (c) the details regarding value of exports made from SEZs and non-SEZs during the last one year;
- (d) whether any assessment has been made regarding export potential of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the corrective measures being taken to tackle the bottlenecks being faced by exporters?

Answer

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(a) & (b): Despite steep decline in export growth since October, 2008 in the wake of unprecedented global economic slowdown, a target of US\$ 200 billion has been set for 2010-2011 for merchandise exports. Presently, Country-wise export details for the period 2009-10 are not available.

(c): Figures of Merchandise exports of India and those from SEZs for the period 2008-09 are given below:

Exports during 2008-09 In Rs. Crores In US \$ Million

Total Exports 840755 185295

SEZ Exports 81386 17935

(Source – DGCI&S Kolkata)

(d) & (e): Government is closely monitoring the trend in exports growth and the export potential and is reviewing the progress on continuous basis. Accordingly, need based appropriate measures are taken, keeping in view the financial implications.