

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:153

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COMPETITIVE MARKETS FOR EXPORTS

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

(a) whether traditional export markets are shrinking due to the recent economic recession;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expand the traditional export markets to make the country's exports competitive and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a) to c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 153 FOR ANSWER ON 30TH NOVEMBER 2009 REGARDING "COMPETITIVE MARKETS FOR EXPORTS"

(a) & (b): There has been decline in our merchandise exports since October 2008, which can be attributed significantly to shrinkage of demand in developed countries due to global economic slowdown. India's merchandise exports from October 2008 to September 2009 are given in Annexure-I.

(c): To arrest the decline in Indian exports and to provide support, particularly for the sectors affected by the global economic slowdown, the Government / RBI responded by providing carefully designed and calibrated stimulus packages including the announcements made in the Budget 2009-10 (as given in Annexure -II). In the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2009-14, further measures were announced for supporting market diversification and deepening various incentive schemes like the Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Market Linked Focus Product Scheme, VKGUY etc. Details of FTP 2009-14, have been laid before Parliament and are also available in public domain, on website <http://dgft.gov.in>. There has been reduction in the rate of decline in export growth in dollar terms in the last few months, which indicates that while the impact of global recession is still continuing on our exports, the steps taken by government are contributing in arresting the steep decline in exports.