

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

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EXPORT OF HI TECH PRODUCTS

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

- (a) whether there has been a marked decline in the export of hi-tech products from sectors like engineering, electronics, chemicals and pharmaceuticals and if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the quantum and value of such goods produced, exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, sector-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken a decision to give impetus to the export of hi-tech products from these sectors and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has identified the products from the aforesaid purpose and if so, the details thereof along with the criteria adopted for identifying these products; and
- (e) whether the Government has provided/ proposes to extend any scheme for providing financial incentives to boost the production of hi-tech goods particularly from the aforesaid and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No. There has not been a marked decline in the export of high-tech products from sectors like engineering, electronics, chemicals and pharmaceutical
- (b) Production data has not been segregated in terms of technological content. However, in order to promote the export of high-tech products, the Department of Commerce has identified some products with high technology content. The data for exports and imports of these identified high-tech products during the last three years is given below:

Sector/	Years	Exports	Imports						
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13			
Engineering Sector	292.35	259.7	244.54	1086.33	1200.23	934.78			
Chemicals Sector	43.95	45.75	45.87	58.85	65.18	106.71			
Electronic Sector	356.6	491.27	484.46	2111.79	2569.13	2646.33			
Pharmaceutical Sector	5896.28	7674.09	9256.68	1044.94	1522.62	1579.06			

figures in million US\$

- (c) to (e) The Government has, in consultation with the stakeholder Ministries/Departments, identified some hi-tech products as indicated in (b) above to incentivize their exports. These hi-tech products have been included in the list of items eligible for incentives under the Focus Product Scheme of Foreign Trade Policy, 2009-2014. These high-tech products are eligible for duty credit @ 2% of the FOB value of exports with effect from 15.08.2013. The details of these products are given in DGFT's Public Notice No.19 (RE 2013)/2009-14 dated 10th July, 2013 (F.No.01/61/180/0206/AM13/PC-3), which is available on DGFT's website (<http://dgft.gov.in/Exim/2000/PN/PN13/pn1913.htm>).