

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

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SENNA AND MEDICINAL PARK UNDER SHEFEXIL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Shellac and Forests Products Export Promotion Council (SHEFEXIL), a body under the Ministry of Commerce had decided to establish a "senna and medicinal park" in Tuticorin in 2006;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the above park has been established;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the export of minor forest products from the country?

Answer

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

a) to d): No, Madam.

e): The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has designated Shellac & Forest Products Export Promotion Council as the nodal export promotion council to oversee development and export promotion of minor forest produce and their value added products. Besides, Visesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY) scheme benefit under Foreign Trade Policy, 2004-09 is also given to exporters of Minor Forest Produce and their value added products. Exporters of Minor Forest Produce are also eligible for assistance under Market Development Assistance (MDA) and Market Access Initiatives (MAI) schemes of the government for undertaking activities for trade promotion.