

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

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EXPORT IMPORT OF MARBLE

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

- (a) the policy framed/being followed for export/import of marble;
- (b) the quantum and value of marble exported and imported from/to the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (c) whether the export of marble from the country, particularly from Rajasthan has been adversely affected during the recent years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the marble industry of country is unable to provide quality marble, causing downfall in its export and if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government to improve quality of marble and to boost its export?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Under the Foreign Trade Policy 2009-2014, Export of Marble is Free. The details of policy framed/being followed for import of Marble are as under:

i) For import of rough marble and travertine blocks, the quantity has been limited to 8 lakh MT for the financial year 2014-15, with a minimum import price of US\$ 325 per MT. This has been notified vide DGFT Notification No.99 dated 20.11.2014.

ii) The import policy for processed/finished marble (under chapter 68 of ITC HS) is free subject to minimum import price of US\$ 60 per sq. meter, with the condition that maximum thickness of slab should be 20 mm (DGFT Notification No.100 dated 5.12.2014).

(b) The details of quantum and value of marble exported and imported from/into the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise are given in Annexure-I & II.

(c) The export of marble in quantity and value has shown a mixed trend in the last three years, as evident from the table annexed. The export volume depends on various variable factors such as international prices and demand as well as domestic production and consumption.

(d) & (e) The quality of marble produced primarily depends upon the quality of marble available in the mines. However, in order to improve the quality of marble mined and processed in the country and also improve the efficiency and competitiveness of Indian marble industry, the Government has advised marble producing States to formulate a tangible and sustainable policy for marble industry, to make the industry internationally competitive and financially viable. The marble producing States have been advised that the State plan must address the issues relating to scientific extraction of marble, up-gradation of technology and human skills and phasing out or rationalizing of unviable industrial units.