

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target for export of various commodities, particularly for agricultural products;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the target fixed vis-a-vis achievements made during each of the last three years, product/item-wise;
- (c) the target fixed in this regard for 2014-15;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to constitute any working group for promotion of export and competition in the domestic industry;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the export target fixed in this regard?

Answer

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

(a), (b) & (c). Department of Commerce only fixes targets for Merchandise Exports for the country. Commodity wise export targets, if any, are fixed by the concerned Ministries/Departments. Targets fixed and actual achievements of merchandise exports of the country are given in the table below:

	Value in US\$ Billion			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013- 14
Target	200.0	300.0	350.0	325.0
(for merchandise exports)				
Total Exports	251.1	306.0	300.4	313.5

For Agriculture products, against a target of US\$ 22.00 billion for the year 2013-14, exports of US\$ 31.26 billion were achieved. No targets for 2014-15 have been fixed.

(d) & (e). Government of India continuously monitors the export performance of different sectors. The institutional mechanism for consultations to promote exports and improve competitiveness, in the form of Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), Apex Chambers of Trade and Industry, National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) and Board of Trade etc., is already in existence and is providing useful inputs and feedback to the Government in Policy formulation and implementation. After consultations with these bodies, appropriate response is included in the announcements of Foreign Trade Policy and formulation of schemes etc.

(f) The Government is implementing various schemes for promotion of exports and improving the competitiveness of the industry, e.g. Market Development Assistance (MDA) scheme, Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme and different schemes under Foreign Trade Policy like Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme, Advance Authorisation scheme, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY), Focus Market Scheme, Market Linked Focus Product Scheme, Focus Product Scheme etc.