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Title: Need to take measures to boost export of gold jewellery-laid.

SHRI D. RAVIKUMAR (VILUPPURAM): India's trade deficit has increased from 15% in 1990-2000 to 22% in 2018-19. Since growth of GDP is directly linked with the growth in exports, we are under pressure to increase our exports. We have imported 33 billion dollars worth gold in the year 2018-19 and have exported 13 billion dollars worth gold and other precious metal jewellery. A 2.5% increase in the custom duty has been announced in the Budget 2019-20. This may reduce our gold import, it will also affect our gold jewellery exports. Gold and gold jewellery are in the top 5 import and export list of our country. So I request you to take measures to boost our gold jewellery export including setting up of a jewellery park at Viluppuram, Tamil Nadu.