

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether domestic Resin, Turpentine and Camphor Industry is facing crisis due to acute shortage of basic raw material (forest based) and imported raw material is available at inflated prices;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of units closed as a result thereof;

(d) whether any representation has been received from Members of Parliament and industrialists in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) : (a) to (c) The indigenous production of Oleo Pine Resin, the basic raw material for Rosin, Turpentine and Camphor falls short of the demand. However, the shortfall is being met through imports of Oleo Pine Resin at 10% custom duty. The import duty on Resin, Turpentine and Camphor has been kept at 30% for protecting the interests of domestic industries producing these items.

(d) to (f) Representations from Members of Parliament and Chamber of Indian Trade & Industry have been received requesting for abolition of custom duty on Oleo Fine Resin. Accordingly, the import duty on Oleo Pine Resin has since been brought down to the level of 10%.

Jalan Committee Report

1553. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received Jalan Committee report on the interest policy;

(b) if so, the details of main recommendation made by the Committee and the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the action plan of the Government to implement the recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI

KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN) : (a) Neither Government nor Reserve Bank of India are aware of any Committee known as the Jalan Committee on interest policy.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[Translation]

Concession to Boost Export of Agriculture Based Products

1554. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN :

PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of concessions have been announced under the new EXIM policy to boost the export of agriculture based products;

(b) if so, whether 100 items out of 340 items announced under this policy are agriculture based products; and

(c) if so, the details of these products?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI RAMKRISHNA HEGDE) : (a) Yes, Sir. The threshold limit for Agriculture and Allied Sectors under zero duty EPOG Scheme has been brought down from Rs. 5 Crores to Rs. 1 Crore. At the same time in the Agriculture and Allied Sectors, EOU/EPZ Units will be permitted on the basis of positives Net Foreign Exchange earning only. Accordingly, for this sector, the requirement of minimum Net Foreign Exchange earning of 20% has been done away with.

(b) and (c) 51 items out of 340 items, which have been shifted from Restricted to Free list as part of this year's EXIM Policy announcement made on 13.04.98, would come in the category of agricultural products. The list of these 51 items is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

| S.No. | Exim Code | List of items Description | Policy |
|-------|-----------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1. | 06031000 | Fresh cut flowers and flower buds | Free |
| 2. | 06039000 | Other | Free |
| 3. | 06041000 | Mosses and lichens | Free |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 4. | 06049100 | Fresh | Free |
| 5. | 06049900 | Other | Free |
| 6. | 07099004 | Green pepper | Free |
| 7. | 07111000 | Onions | Free |
| 8. | 07112000 | Olives | Free |
| 9. | 07113000 | Capers | Free |
| 10. | 07114000 | Cucumbers and gherkins | Free |
| 11. | 07119001 | Green pepper in brine | Free |
| 12. | 07119002 | Assorted canned vegetables | Free |
| 13. | 07119009 | Vegetables provisionally preserved in brine/in sulphur water/other preservative solution but unsuitable for immediate consumption | Free |
| 14. | 07123001 | Mushrooms (including morels) | Free |
| 15. | 07123002 | Truffles dried | Free |
| 16. | 07129001 | Asparagus dried | Free |
| 17. | 07129005 | Marjoram, oregano | Free |
| 18. | 07129009 | Others, dried | Free |
| 19. | 07141000 | Manioc (cassava) | Free |
| 20. | 07149001 | Sago pith | Free |
| 21. | 08012100 | In shell | Free |
| 22. | 08012200 | Shelled | Free |
| 23. | 08029009 | Others | Free |
| 24. | 08105000 | Kiwifruit | Free |
| 25. | 13019031 | Balsam of Tolu/Peru/ Copaiba/Gurjan | Free |
| 26. | 15156000 | Jjoba oil and its fractions | Free |
| 27. | 15159002 | Chul moogra oil | Free |
| 28. | 15159003 | Mowra oil | Free |
| 29. | 15159004 | Kokam oil | Free |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 30. | 15159013 | Chillies/capsicum oil | Free |
| 31. | 15159014 | Turmeric oil | Free |
| 32. | 15159016 | Ajwan seed oil | Free |
| 33. | 15159017 | Garlic oil | Free |
| 34. | 170220 00.90 | Other | Free |
| 35. | 17049001 | Sweetmeat | Free |
| 36. | 19041002 | Pawa, mudi etc. | Free |
| 37. | 19053001 | Communion wafers sealing wafers etc. | Free |
| 38. | 20083009 | Other citrus fruits prepared or preserved | Free |
| 39. | 20084000 | Pears prepared or preserved | Free |
| 40. | 20085000 | Apricots | Free |
| 41. | 20086000 | Chorrios | Free |
| 42. | 20087000 | Peaches | Free |
| 43. | 20088000 | Strawberries | Free |
| 44. | 20089912 | Grapes, prepared or preserved | Free |
| 45. | 20089913 | Apples, prepared or preserved | Free |
| 46. | 20089914 | Guava, prepared or preserved | Free |
| 47. | 20089919 | Other fruits, prepared or preserved | Free |
| 48. | 20091100 | Frozen | Free |
| 49. | 20091900 | Other | Free |
| 50. | 20097000 | Apple juice | Free |
| 51. | 20098001 | Mango juice | Free |

[English]

Prime Minister Rojgar Yojana

1555. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL:

SHRI RAMANAND SINGH :

SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI :

SHRI DATTA MEGHE :