

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:486  
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2000  
EXPORT OF BEEDIES  
ABUL HASNAT KHAN

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

- (a) whether beedies are being exported from the country ;
- (b) if so, the names of countries to whom beedis are being exported;
- (c) the quantum and value of beedies exported during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- (d) the foreign exchange earned by India therefrom during the above period;
- (e) the States which have major share in the export of beedis ; and
- (f) the incentives being provided to beedi manufacturers to boost the export of beedies?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 486 BY SHRI ABUL HASNAT KHAN, TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND DECEMBER, 2000 REGARDING EXPORT OF BEEDIES.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Names of major countries to whom beedies are being exported are U.A.E., U.S.A., Singapore, Yemen, Afghanistan, Jordan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Switzerland, Oman, S. Arabia.

(c): The quantum and value of beedies exported during each of the last three years country-wise is annexed (Annexure - I).

(d): Foreign exchange earned by India from export of beedies in rupee terms and US \$ terms for the last three years is as under :-

Year Rupees (In lakhs) In US \$ (ML)

1997-98	2004.67	5.14
1998-99	3069.64	7.58
1999-2000	3717.84	8.69

(Source : Tobacco Board)

(e): Beedies are mostly exported from Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

(f): Tobacco Board is not providing any incentives to the beedi manufacturers since inception. However, the exporters of Beedi are also eligible to obtain MDA assistance and other incentives from the Government of India on par with other exporters of tobacco and tobacco products.

**ANNEXURE - I**

(Qty. in tons & Value in lakh)

Country	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
	QTY. VAL.	QTY. VAL.	QTY. VAL.

Afghanistan	77	136.96	44	95.56	56	129.39
Australia	4	9.68	1	6.51	1	1.92
Barbados	2	9.24	2	8.89	A	1.82
Brazil	1	3.19	-	-	A	1.21
Djibouti	-	-	19	42.34	-	-
Canada	-	-	A	2.52	A	5.25
France	-	-	A	0.18	A	2.75
Germany	5	16.00	-	-	-	-
Japan	A	4.26	A	3.95	A	0.94
Jordan	36	101.63	16	54.17	-	-
Kuwait	5	14.35	10	31.83	13	41.16
Koria	-	-	A	1.22	1	2.42
Malaysia	10	39.59	12	41.97	10	42.75
Mexico	1	3.31	2	5.81	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	1	0.78	-	-
Nepal	6	4.46	1	0.74	-	-
Newzeland	1	2.62	-	-	-	-
Oman	22	54.04	18	59.59	-	-
S.Arabia	89	254.23	50	155.55	2	7.19
Singapore	32	107.10	31	132.10	68	252.75
Sri Lanka	18	2.08	-	-	-	-
S. Africa	-	-	A	0.07	1	3.13
St. Martin	A	0.59	1	3.41	-	-
Switzerland	8	40.34	5	10.33	5	17.62
UAE	380	1051.78	709	2155.05	932	2889.94
U.S.A.	63	148.72	47	166.88	31	100.22
U.K.	A	0.40	-	-	A	0.06
Yemen	-	-	30	90.19	54	216.27
Protugal	-	-	-	-	A	0.08
Reunion	-	-	-	-	A	1.02

Total 761 2004.67 998 3069.64 1174 3717.84

A = below 500 kgs.

(Source : Tobacco Board)