

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5856
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2002
CRISIS IN MARBLE INDUSTRY
KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY

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

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- (a) Whether the Government are aware that marble industry in the country is facing acute crisis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any representations have been received from the traders of marble industry to resolve their problems; and
- (d) if so, the revival measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) to (d) : A representation from Akhil Bhartiya Marble Vikas Sangh requesting for withdrawal of Central Excise Duty on Marble Slabs and Tiles in view of the financial difficulties faced by Marble Industry due to International competition, etc., was received. The request was sent to the Ministry of Finance with recommendations of the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.