

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

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REPRESENTATIONS ON PANELS COMMITTEES OF CHEMEXCIL

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

- (a) whether representation of various panels/committee of chemexcil from North Zone are negligible and this had led to negative growth of drug industry in this region;
- (b) whether the Chairman of the Northern Region in Chemexcil has been appointed from the Western Region; and
- (c) if so, the justification as to how the Government has ensured the interests of Northern Region will be protected and regular meetings of exporters in the region will take place to solve their problems?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- a) In the Committee of Administration of Chemexcil which was constituted with nineteen members on 29th November, 2002, there is no member from Northern Region. In the absence of availability of data on regional basis, it cannot be said that there is a negative growth of drug industry in this region. However, India's exports of drugs and pharmaceuticals amounted to Rs. 11925 crores in 2002-2003 registering a growth rate of 19.9% over the previous year.
- b) Shri Anand Ladsariya, Director of M/s. Everest Flavours Ltd., Mumbai, who is also Chairman of Cosmetics & Toiletries Panel of Chemexcil, has been appointed as Chairman of Northern Region in the Council. He is a major exporter of Menthol, which is manufactured & exported from Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. Election to the post is held on an All India basis in the council.
- c) Chemexcil has its Regional Office in Delhi, which is headed by a Regional Director, who is attending to the day-to-day requirements of member-exporters of the Northern Region. Also, various Open Houses/ Educational Seminars are regularly conducted by Chemexcil's Regional Office at New Delhi. The interests of the Northern Region are, therefore, well taken care of.