

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

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VISIT OF SENEGALESE PRESIDENT
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

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

(a) whether the Senegalese President during his recent visit invited Indian investors to tap Senegal market because of locational advantage; and

(b) if so, the action taken to boost Indian exports to Senegal especially rice, cotton, yarn and pharmaceuticals which are in great demand in that country?

Answer

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

(a-b): Yes Sir. The Senegalese President invited Indian investors to tap the Senegalese market because of proximity advantage to the US. The Government of India is keen to boost Indian exports to Senegal and it is one of the focus countries under the Focus: Africa Programme of the Government. During the financial year 2002-03 India's export to Senegal increased from 23.03 US \$ Mn to 51.35 US \$ Mn registering a growth of 123% mainly due to increase in exports of Rice, Cotton, yarn and Pharmaceuticals.