

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2133  
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000  
EXPORT/IMPORT BY MMTC  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Mineral and Metal Trading Corporation has made exports and imports on a large scale;
- (b) if so, the details of items exported/imported by MMTC during the last three years;
- (c) whether the MMTC has formulated any scheme for export of Basmati rice even without obtaining export orders from any country;
- (d) if so, the objective behind formulation of this policy; and
- (e) the action being taken by Government in view of heavy loss of revenues on account of export policy of the MMTC?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Details of items exported/imported by MMTC during the last three years are given in the enclosed Annexure.
- (c) to (e) In the liberalised trade regime and in a bid to broad base its trading activities, MMTC has also been dealing in agro commodities both for import and export. Based on the experience gained in the agro commodities and basmati rice being a traditionally potential commodity for export, MMTC made an effort to develop a captive supply source by processing of basmati paddy. However, because of contractual default on the part of the processor, MMTC has initiated legal proceedings to recover its dues.

Annexure

(Statement referred to in reply to Part (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2133 to be answered on 4.8.2000.)

**MMTC's EXPORTS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS**

(Value in Rs. Crore)

ITEMS	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (Prov)
Minerals and Ores	981	947	1036
Agro Products	75	55	10
Industrial Products/Engineering Products	46	4	1
Gold/Silver/Gems	42	20	142
Finished Fertilizer/Fertilizer Raw Materials	33	3	7
Building Materials	6	9	12
Textiles	3	-	-
Others	1	4	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>1042</b>	<b>1208</b>

**MMTC's IMPORTS DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS**

(Value in Rs. Crore)

ITEMS	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000 (Prov.)
Finished Fertilizer and Fertilizer Raw Materials	672	180	305
Non Ferrous Metals and Industrial Raw Materials	274	217	316
Gold/Silver/Gems	2115	2649	2553
Agro Products	-	60	252
Coal and Hydro Carbon	69	35	144
Textiles	3	5	
Minerals and Ores		6	
Others	2	1	1
TOTAL	3132	3145	3582

(Source: MMTC)