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INDO- IRAQ TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a steady demand for Indian electrical, textile and food items in Iraq; and
- (b) if so, measures taken by the Government to capture a major share in the Iraqi market in the next two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): There is a good scope and demand for Indian goods including electrical, textile and food items in Iraq. As per available information, the Iraqi businessmen are travelling to India to establish contacts with the Indian companies to source their supplies from them. The number of Iraqi businessmen visiting India has doubled over the previous year and Indian Mission in Baghdad is interacting more with Iraqi business firms, replying to more business inquiries and distributing directories of Indian exporters in CD form. Similarly, Indian businessmen are using the services of their local representatives and the internet to ascertain the available trade opportunities. The Mission also circulates the tender notices etc. to the concerned bodies in India for circulating amongst their members.

To boost export to Iraq in future, the Government of India will continue to facilitate interaction between business communities of both countries besides encouraging participation of Iraqi companies in trade fairs/exhibitions held in India.