

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering equal participation of the States in export trade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, trade-wise State-wise;
- (c) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of Regional Trade Promotion Centres (RTPC) at present, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Inter State Trade Council has been set up to engage the State Governments in providing an enabling environment for boosting international trade. A notification constituting the Inter State Trade Council was issued on 24th June, 2005. The first meeting of the Inter State Trade Council is yet to be convened.

(e): Trade promotion centres at Chennai and Bangalore have been set up as joint ventures between the India Trade Promotion Organisation and the concerned State Governments. Similar centres are also being established at Kolkata and Guwahati.