

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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INCENTIVES TO GRANITE INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the granite industry has sought some incentives to boost granite exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reaction of the Government to the granite industry's demand; and
- (d) the exports of granite during the last two years and the target for the current year?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Sir, the major incentives which the granite industry has sought to boost granite exports are as follows:

- (i) Deemed export benefits to granite quarrying, supplying dimensional granite blocks to 100% EOUs.
- (ii) Drawback norms for fuel, like diesel, kerosene, petrol, utilised by 100% EOUs and other exporters of granites.
- (iii) Granite Quarries be given 100% EOU status
- (iv) Classification in EXIM Policy for artifacts and innovative crafts of granites marble, sand stones as separate category.

(c) The proposals referred to in reply to part (a)&(b) above, are under the consideration of the Government.

(d) The total export of `granite and natural stone products` from the country during the last two years is as follows:

Year	Value (US\$ Million)
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2002-03	659.43
2003-04	724.44
(Estimated)	

(Source: CAPEXIL)

The export target of `granite and natural stone products` for the current year, i.e. 2004-05, is US\$ 850 Million.