

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES UNDER EXPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has evolved a policy to create job opportunities by increasing exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated number of persons employed by exporters during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The Government has taken a number of initiatives to promote exports and employment as part of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP). In order to expand employment opportunities certain special focus initiatives have been identified for the agriculture, handlooms, handicraft, gems and jewellery and leather sectors.

(c) There are no final annual estimates of employment created through exports. However, preliminary findings of a study conducted by the Research & Information System for Non-Alligned Countries (RIS) project the total employment generation through exports at almost 16 million during 2004-05.