

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1072  
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DECLINING INDIAN EXPORTS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the exports from the country have declined in comparison to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No, Sir. In fact, India`s exports registered an increase of 22 percent at US\$ 51.5 billion in the current financial year 2005-06 (April-October) compared with US\$ 42.2 billion during the same period of the previous year.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Government has taken a number of initiatives to promote exports. These, inter-alia, include bringing into force the SEZ Act 2005 to trigger a larger flow of foreign and domestic investment in infrastructure and productive capacity; setting up Free Trade Warehousing Zones (FTWZs) which would get all the benefits available with SEZs; giving a major thrust to procedural simplification to reduce transaction cost of exporters and signing regional trade agreements to leverage exports in line with India`s comparative advantage.