

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

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DIAMOND INDUSTRY

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up an International Diamond Trade Centre in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the rank of India in the world in the field of diamond production;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to ban import of Diamonds especially from Ivory Coast in Africa; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) India has insignificant production of rough diamonds. As per National Mineral Development Corporation, production of rough diamonds during the last three years is as follows:

S.No. Year Production
(in carats)

- 1. 2002-03 84348
- 2 2003-04 71163
- 3. 2004-05 78217

(d)& (e) There is no such proposal before the Government.