

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

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EXPORT- IMPORT POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to change export-import policy to assist the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be announced?

**Answer**

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

(a), (b) & (c): Change in the Foreign Trade Policy is an ongoing process and is done in public interest. Amendments and reviews are carried out based upon the feedback received from Trade & Industry. To promote agriculture produce, Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana has been introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09 announced on 31st August 2004 with an objective to promote export of fruits, vegetables, flowers, minor forest produce and their value added products. With effect from 1.4.2005 exports of dairy, poultry and their value added products have also been included within the scope of this scheme. This export promotion measure is already in place and details thereof are given in the Book titled 'Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09' and 'Handbook of Procedures Vol.I 2004-09' and copies of these publications are available in Parliament Library.