

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

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INDO- AFRICA EXPORT TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of trade between India and Africa;
- (b) the details of items imported from and exported to Africa during each of the last three years and thereafter alongwith foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (c) whether the exports from India to Africa has registered a remarkable increase during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to further boost the trade between the two countries?

Answer

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

- (a) The export and import between India and Africa during the current year (Apr-Aug. 2005-06) is US\$ 2577.33 Million and US\$2029.59 Million respectively.
- (b) The major items imported from Africa are gold, organic/inorganic chemicals, cashew -nut, metalifers ores & metal scrap, iron & steel etc and exported to Africa are petroleum (crude and products), rice (other than basmati rice), cotton inclusive accessories, drugs and pharmaceuticals & fine chemicals, transport equipments, machinery and instruments etc. Exports from India to Africa were valued at US\$ 3028.31 million, US\$.3688.11 million and US\$ 5362.18 million during the years 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 respectively.
- (c) Yes sir.
- (d) To boost overall trade with African region, Government of India has launched Focus: Africa Programme in March, 2002. The main objective of the programme is to increase interaction between India and Africa region by identifying the areas of bilateral trade and investment.