

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

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

- (a) the details of exports made during the year 2005-2006;
- (b) whether Indian exports have registered significant improvement during the first quarter of the current fiscal year over the previous;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the percentage growth registered, sector-wise;
- (d) whether the commodities which had earlier registered lower growth than the overall export target have shown growth during the current fiscal year;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government for promoting exports ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) Total exports of US \$ 102.7 billion were achieved during the year 2005-06 against exports of US \$ 83.5 billion achieved during the previous year, i.e., 2004-05 recording a growth rate of about 23%.

(b) Based upon the provisional estimates available, exports during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, i.e., April-June 2006-07 have registered a growth rate of 32.4% compared to the provisional estimates for the same period of the previous year.

(c) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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(c) to (e) Sector-wise detailed data of exports for the first quarter of the current fiscal, i.e., April-June 2006-07 are yet to be finalised. The details of exports of the principal commodities during the year 2005-06 and their growth rate over the previous year, i.e., 2004-05 is given in the Annexure.

(f) Export promotion is a constant endeavour of the Government. A number of measures have been taken recently to further boost exports. These inter-alia include bringing into force the SEZ Act 2005 to trigger a larger flow of investment in infrastructure and productive capacity; 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. Besides, a number of fresh initiatives have been taken in the Foreign Trade Policy (2006-07) to further boost the exports including Focus Product scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojna, Duty Free Import Authorisation Scheme and a number of measures for Gems & Jewellery sector.

Annexure

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EXPORT OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES:APRIL- MARCH ,2005-06

(US\$ Million)

COMMODITIES APRIL-MARCH APRIL-MARCH Growth
2004-2005 2005-2006 (%)

ENGINEERING GOODS	15383.02	19168.82	24.61
GEMS & JEWELLERY	13761.77	15546.57	12.97
CHEMICALS & RELATED PRODUCTS	13164.05	15514.10	17.85
TEXTILES	12918.49	15205.99	17.71
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	6989.34	11514.57	64.74
AGRI&ALLIED PRDTS	6293.34	7407.89	17.71
ORES & MINERALS	5078.57	6189.10	21.87
UNCLASSIFIED EXPORTS	2262.95	3011.26	33.07
LEATHER & MFRS.	2421.59	2625.84	8.43
ELECTRONIC GOODS	1890.31	2243.85	18.70
MARINE PRODUCTS	1439.80	1435.59	-0.29
CARPETS	636.43	828.87	30.24
PLANTATIONS	647.51	724.85	11.94
COTTON RAW incl. waste	94.05	630.60	570.49
HANDICRAFTS	377.42	410.45	8.75
PROJECT GOODS	75.01	134.50	79.31
SPORTS GOODS	102.29	132.25	29.29