

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

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RAW MATERIAL FOR PLASTIC GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of raw materials for plastic goods have been increasing during the last few months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to impose ban on export of raw materials;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to protect the interests of domestic plastic industry?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir, the international prices of almost all plastic polymers have increased by about US 200 per metric tonne. The Plastic Polymers follow a commodity behaviour and the prices are determined by the law of demand and supply.

(c) to (e) No Sir, there is no proposal to impose ban on export of raw materials by the Government as the petrochemicals industry is deregulated & delicensed and the prices of raw materials for plastic goods are market driven.