

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORTS TO USA

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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): the estimated share of small scale industries in total exports from the country during the first half of the current year;
- (b): whether the Government is framing any scheme to increase exports to USA by small scale and medium scale industries;
- (c): if so, whether the Government has taken steps to increase the trade of the small scale industries; and
- (d): if so, the details thereof and the agreement finalised in this regard with USA?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): Data on exports by the small scale industries (SSIs) during the first half of 2006-07 are not available as these are provided by the respective Export Promotion Councils, Export Development Authorities, Commodity Boards, etc. after the close of the financial year. However,, exports by SSIs have generally constituted approximately 35 per cent of the total exports of the country.

(b)to(d): With a view to increasing SSI exports, the Government implements schemes to assist SSIs in several areas like upgradation of technology, obtaining quality certification and testing of products, participation in international trade fairs and holding catalogue exhibitions, enabling access to information on international tenders, exchanging business delegations, etc. These schemes are not country-specific.

Moreover, correspondence has been exchanged with the aim of signing a Letter of Intent with the Small Business Administration (SBA) of the United States of America (USA) to promote reciprocal trade and opportunities for strategic linkages between small business of the USA and small and medium enterprises in India.