

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POLICY FOR EXPORTERS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give incentives to the exporters of products which have a negligible presence in India's trade basket to market in Africa, Latin America and CIS countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the trade anticipated with these countries;
- (c) the details of the existing scheme to encourage export to these markets; and
- (d) the incentives proposed to be given to the farmers to produce such goods?

Answer

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

(a)to(c) : Under Foreign Trade Policy no incentives are extended to exporters of product which have a negligible presence in India's trade basket to market of Africa, Latin America and CIS countries.

Assistance for export promotion is provided under Market Access Initiative scheme and Market Development Assistance scheme.

To enhance Indian exports to sub-Saharan Africa, Latin American region and CIS region the Government have initiated Focus: Africa, Focus: LAC and Focus: CIS programmes respectively. Details of these schemes and programmes are available on the Department's website.

(d):The Government is taking steps to encourage export of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards etc.