

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

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TRADE WITH CHILE

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

- (a) whether the Government of India has signed any trade agreement with the Government of Chile;
- (b) if so, the sectors in which the negotiations have been successful;
- (c) the details of the items having been exported so far to the above country;
- (d) whether there has been a decline in the import and export between the two countries during the last three years;
- (e) if so, details and reasons therefor; and
- (f) the remedial steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Sir. On 20th January, 2005, India and Chile have signed a Framework Agreement to promote Economic Cooperation.
- (b) This Framework Agreement only provides a structure to start negotiations for a Preferential Trade Agreement between India and Chile and it also provides for a Joint Study Group, which would examine the feasibility of a Comprehensive Economic Agreement between the two countries.
- (c) Some of the major items of Indian exports to Chile are articles of leather, textiles, apparel & clothing, vehicles and their parts/accessories and articles of iron and steel.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) The exports from India to Chile declined by 23.19 % in 2001-02 and by 13.65 % in 2002-03 compared to the previous year. The import from Chile to India also declined by 6.14% in 2003-04 compared to the previous year. The main reason of this decline has been slowing down of Chilean economy during the said period.