GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 534 (H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th FEBRUARY, 2017

MARBLE EXPORT

534(H). SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of marble exported during each of the last three years and the current year and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, countrywise;
- (b) whether the export of marble has declined recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government to promote export of marble and growth of this industry in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Export of Marble & Products during the last three years:-

Value In US\$ Million					
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (April- October)	
Marble and Products	48.66	46.83	37.87	22.62	

Quantity In MT					
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (April- October)	
Marble and Products	233.54	215.43	182.55	104.19	

[Source: DGCIS]

Country-wise exports to top 10 importing countries may be seen at ANNEXURE- I

- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Export of marble & products thereof have declined by -3.76% in 2014-15 and -19.13% in 2015-16 due to fall in demand in international market.
- (d): To promote exports, Government provides assistance to respective Export Promotion Councils for participation in various International trade fairs / exhibitions, organizing Reverse Buyer Seller Meets under Market Access Initiative (MAI) & Market Development Assistance (MDA) schemes.

ANNEXURE - I

TOP 10 IMPORTERS OF MARBLE FROM INDIA:

(USD \$ Million)

Importers	Exported value in 2013	Exported value in 2014	Exported value in 2015
United States of			
America	5.67	3.48	3.22
Egypt	3.55	6.42	6.56
China	13.73	9.57	7.97
Nepal	7.14	9.4	8.36
Italy	2.91	3.79	1.87
Saudi Arabia	0.39	0.62	0.51
United Arab			
Emirates	0.91	0.53	0.99
Algeria	0.33	0.22	0.23
Turkey	0.78	0.32	0.09
Canada	0.16	0.21	0.37