

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2245
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th DECEMBER, 2018

EXPORT PROMOTION STRATEGY

2245. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government is working on an export promotion strategy to boost shipments of chemicals, plastics and allied products sector to push the growth of the country's overall exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has constituted a sub-group for formulation of the strategy and to deliberate upon the issues of the sector and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of exports of organic, inorganic and agrochemicals, plastics and its products in the last four years and the current year?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b) Yes. The Department of Commerce has made efforts to push our exports and accordingly have prepared an export promotion strategy sector-wise and region-wise in order to provide boost to our growing economy. The export strategy has been prepared for chemicals, plastics and allied products sector after extensive consultations with the industry, the stakeholders and the concerned Export Promotion Councils (EPCs). In order to resolve export related issues and to enhance our exports, the identified issues are being taken up for resolution regularly with the relevant Departments/Ministries. The action plan prepared for implementation of the export strategy of chemicals, plastics and allied products sector is dynamic and is regularly reviewed and fine-tuned on the basis of interaction and feedback from industry and stakeholders.

(c) Yes, for identifying the constraints faced by the exporting community and to finalise the sectoral export promotion strategy, Sub-groups comprising Joint Secretary, DoC (Commodity Division), Joint Secretary of administrative ministries, EPCs concerned / FIEO were constituted. These Sub-groups held consultations with the stakeholders and the concerned EPCs to identify the problems faced by the exporters and take action to resolve the export related issues. For chemicals, Plastics & Allied products Sector, a Sub Group comprising of Joint Secretary (EP(CAP) Division, D/o Commerce), Joint Secretary (Chemicals, D/o Chemicals & Petrochemicals), Joint Secretary (M/o Environment, Forests & Climate

Change), Central Insecticide Board & Registration Committee (CIB&RC) and Chairman, CAPEXIL / CHEMEXCIL / PLEXCONCIL was constituted which met on 3rd July, 2018 and deliberated on the issues of the sector to prepare and finalise the sectoral export promotion strategy. The strategy prepared is being regularly reviewed. The concerned EPCs have also been requested to proactively examine the export performance of their products and suggest areas of growth & opportunities for the Industry.

(d) Details of exports in the last 4 years and in the current year are as follows:-

Product Sector	Value in US \$ Million				
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	April – October, 2018
Organic Chemicals	5394.36	4859.52	4844.39	7130.46	6241.88
Inorganic Chemicals	683.59	628.20	727.63	975.82	727.65
Agrochemicals	1951.77	1965.71	2140.73	2559.39	1941.59
Plastics and its products	7677.2	7636.79	7557.68	8850.18	5367.92

[Data Source: DGCIS]
