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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1580 (H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2021

PROMOTE EXPORT SECTORS

1580(H). SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Director-General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has evaluated the performance of various export sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons of low performance in these sectors during the recent years;
- (c) whether the performance of labour intensive export sector remained low during the last financial year;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to promote export sectors based on DGFT study and to include more sectors under interest rebate scheme?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (d): Evaluation of performance of various export sectors and policy review is an ongoing exercise and steps are taken by the Government from time to time based on the prevailing economic/trade scenario. The performance of major export sectors including labour intensive sectors in terms of value and percentage change during the last year and the current year is given at Annexure-I. It shows that there has been a decline in exports in some of these sectors such as Gems and Jewellery, Leather and Leather Manufactures, Man-Made Yarn/Fabs./Madeups and Ready made Garments of all Textiles etc due to various global and domestic factors such as demand and supply in domestic and international markets, worldwide lockdown during corona pandemic, currency fluctuations, international prices, etc.

- **(e):** The following are some of the key steps taken by the Government to promote exports in various sectors:
 - 1) Foreign Trade Policy (2015 20) extended by one year i.e. upto 31-3-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
 - 2) Interest Equalization Scheme on pre and post shipment rupee export credit was launched w.e.f. 01.04.2015 for a period of 5 years and later extended by one year i.e. upto 31-3-2021. An Impact Assessment study on the Interest Equalisation Scheme has been undertaken and based on its outcome, the scheme is continued.
 - 3) A new Scheme, Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP), has been launched with effect from 01.01.2021.
 - 4) Common Digital Platform for Certificate of Origin has been launched to facilitate trade and increase FTA utilization by exporters.
 - 5) A comprehensive "Agriculture Export Policy" to provide an impetus to agricultural exports related to agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries and food processing sectors, is under implementation.
 - 6) Promoting and diversifying services exports by pursuing specific action plans for the 12 Champion Services Sectors.
 - 7) Promoting districts as export hubs by identifying products with export potential in each district, addressing bottlenecks for exporting these products and supporting local exporters/manufacturers to generate employment in the district.
 - 8) Active role of Indian missions abroad towards promoting India's trade, tourism, technology and investment goals has been enhanced.
 - 9) Package announced in light of the covid pandemic to support domestic industry through various banking and financial sector relief measures, especially for MSMEs, which constitute a major share in exports.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) and (b) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 1580 for answer on 10^{th} February 2021

India's Export Performance of major sectors

Value in US\$ million

S.	T_			% 2019-20 2020-21* %			
No.	Sectors	2018-19	2019-20	Change	(Apr-Dec)	(Apr-Dec)	Change
1	Petroleum Products	46553.58	41288.74	-11.31	32143.13	17637.78	-45.13
2	Gems And Jewellery	40251.03	35898.49	-10.81	27979.99	16881.75	-39.66
3	Leather And Leather	5140.85	4658.48	-9.38	3609.55	2353.39	-34.8
)	Manufactures						
4	Cashew	654.43	566.82	-13.39	437.36	295.3	-32.48
5	Man-Made Yarn/Fabs./Madeups Etc.	4980.51	4821.42	-3.19	3592.81	2527.19	-29.66
6	Rmg Of All Textiles	16138.29	15488.07	-4.03	11444.17	8201.59	-28.33
7	Marine Products	6802.56	6722.07	-1.18	5455.53	4543.53	-16.72
8	Electronic Goods	8829.43	11700.58	32.52	8777.99	7410.22	-15.58
9	Handicrafts Excl. Hand Made Carpet	1838.08	1797.86	-2.19	1367.16	1171.66	-14.3
10	Tea	830.93	826.53	-0.53	656.51	575.75	-12.3
11	Engineering Goods	83621.65	78704.38	-5.88	59815.52	52951.66	-11.48
12	Mica, Coal And Other Ores, Minerals Including Process	4254.71	3948.39	-7.2	2975.96	2646.91	-11.06
13	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Madeups, Handloom Products Etc.	11215.15	10027.73	-10.59	7542.95	6796.5	-9.9
14	Tobacco	981.33	905.15	-7.76	716.24	656.85	-8.29
15	Meat, Dairy And Poultry Products	4363.72	3714.3	-14.88	2921.23	2705.42	-7.39
16	Coffee	822.34	738.86	-10.15	543.21	504.01	-7.22
17	Plastic And Linoleum	8607.48	7551.55	-12.27	5872.41	5473.02	-6.8
18	Jute Mfg. Incl. Floor Covering	324.93	342.61	5.44	261.18	245.48	-6.01
19	Organic And Inorganic Chemicals	22379.3	22082.79	-1.32	16620.1	15913.48	-4.25
20	Oil Seeds	1156.77	1318.08	13.95	942.4	908.81	-3.56
21	Carpet	1481.85	1373.3	-7.33	1057.71	1050.92	-0.64
22	Ceramic Products And Glassware	2649.16	2870.64	8.36	2156.93	2145.07	-0.55
23	Spices	3322.45	3621.38	9	2808.87	2901.64	3.3
24	Fruits And Vegetables	2540.9	2380.48	-6.31	1605.88	1723.48	7.32
25	Cereal Preparations And Miscellaneous Processed Item	1555.45	1527.03	-1.83	1150.02	1307.29	13.68
26	Drugs And Pharmaceuticals	19146.55	20703.46	8.13	15630.18	18099.32	15.8
27	Rice	7750.61	6403.24	-17.38	4437.62	6014.72	35.54
28	Oil Meals	1508.65	827.9	-45.12	644.56	934.6	45.00
29	Iron Ore	1317.29	2624.96	99.27	1952.5	3182.36	62.99
30	Other Cereals	348.97	205.19	-41.2	150.82	413.32	174.05
31	Others	18709.16	17720.58	-5.28	13003.82	13122.08	0.91
	India's Total Export	330078.09	313361.04	-5.06	238274.31	201295.12	-15.52

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (*: provisional)