

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1243  
ANSWERED ON 11/02/2025

**EXPORT-ORIENTED INDUSTRY**

1243. ADV. CHANDRA SHEKHAR:

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

- (a) the details of the current participation rate of Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in India's export-oriented industries, as per the latest available data;
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to ensure equal opportunities and address discrimination faced by marginalized communities in accessing trade licenses, export incentives and Government tenders related to international trade; and
- (c) the number of skill development and capacity building programmes conducted by the Ministry specifically for SC/ST/OBC individuals in export-oriented sectors during the last three years and the current year along with the data on their subsequent participation in export activities?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

**(a) to (c)** The Ministry of Commerce and Industry promotes trade and export-oriented industry with special focus on the small scale industries and marginal traders. The data with respect to measures undertaken is not maintained specific category wise.

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