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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

LOK SABHA

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**EXPORTS TO AFGHANISTAN**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the exports to Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the commodities which are in demand in Afghanistan; and
- (d) whether the Government has identified the priority sectors for trade with Afghanistan?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)**

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Indian industrialists are encouraged to explore commercial opportunities in Afghanistan, including in the contracts awarded by various donor countries, international organisations, and international military forces stationed in Afghanistan.

(c) Textiles, Gems & Jewellery, Pharmaceuticals, Tobacco Manufactured, Machinery and Instruments, Electronic Goods, Plastic, Manufacturers of Metals and Rubber products have good market potential in Afghanistan.

(d) Yes, Madam.