Table 5: Exports from Karnataka - 1992/93

Item	Exports	
	In INR Million	% Share
Basic Chemicals	369	2.0
Engineering Products	2,436	12.8
Electronics & Computer Software	1,663	8.8
Iron Ore	3,181	16.8
Apparel	5,230	27.6
Leather	1,500	8.0
Coffee	3,709	19.6
Others	823	4.4

The Canadian Government is considering opening a Trade Office in Bangalore to assist Canadians doing business in the region. The U.S. Commerce Department and the British High Commission have established trade promotion offices in the city.

GOVERNMENT INTENT

The State has identified the following areas for priority investment:

- Electronics,
- Telecommunications,
- Informatics,
- Food Processing,
- Garment and Leather Production,
- Pollution Control Equipment,
- Renewable, Non-Conventional Energy,
- Textile Spinning,
- Pharmaceuticals,
- Sericulture, and
- Sugar.

Karnataka has been divided into zones based on the level of infrastructure development and Bangalore region has been designated Zone I. This means that only high-tech and non-polluting industries are allowed (i.e. Electronics, Telecommunications, Informatics, Precision Tools and Garment Finishing). While government incentives are available to investors in under-developed and developing zones (Zones II to IV), there are no incentives for investors in Zone I.

Special government agencies exist to help investors set up in the State including the Karnataka State Industrial Investment & Development Corporation Ltd. (KSIIDC) and the Karnataka State Financial Corporation. Other agencies provide technical support: The Technical Consultancy Services Organization of Karnataka (TECSOK) and The Karnataka State Electronic Development Corporation (KEONICS). The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) is responsible for the development of industrial areas in the State. The Karnataka Udyog Mitra, of the Department of Industries and Commerce, provides guidance and assistance to investors in obtaining approvals/clearances from various State government departments.