

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 509**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING SOURCING SHOW**

**\*509. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:**

**SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:**

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

- (a) whether the Government organised the 6th edition of the International Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS) at Chennai recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its aims and objectives;
- (c) the details of the foreign delegates/ companies participated in the event, country-wise along with the details of issues discussed with them including with Russia and Eurasian Economic Union therein and the outcome thereof;
- (d) the details of the Memoranda of Understanding signed, country-wise along with the terms and conditions thereunder and the extent to which the 6th edition of IESS has been able to facilitate export increase and enhance trade ties with the participating countries; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the Indian Engineering exports?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA**  
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**REGARDING “INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING SOURCING SHOW”**

**(a) to (d)** EEPC India, the Council for promoting engineering exports, organised the VI Edition of its annual export promotion event, at Chennai on 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. The event, titled "International Engineering Sourcing Show (IESS)", was aimed at enhancing exports through demonstration of Indian engineering capabilities in various focus sectors, viz., Industrial Supply & Subcontracting, Metal & Shop Floor, Industrial & Electrical Machinery, Automobiles and Auto Components and Innovation & Technology; establish linkages between the academia like Indian Institute of Technology, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research labs, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre etc. and the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for technological upgradation of engineering products; facilitate interaction amongst the MSME participants from various industrial clusters spread in India, etc.

The three-day event witnessed a footfall of around 10,000 visitors, presence of 481 delegates from 46 nations, over 300 exhibitors, a large number of Business to Business meetings, 15 conferences with participation of around 100 speakers and thematic seminars. The country-wise details of the foreign delegates / companies who participated in the event are furnished in Annex I.

Russian Federation was the Partner Country for the Show, with participation of a sizeable delegation. The event, therefore, witnessed several concurrent sessions with Russia in focus which included India-Russia Business Forum based on the theme "New Activities in Trade & Economic Cooperation" in which areas of mutual cooperation to bring about efficiency in material technology, metrological technology, aviation, security, bio-technology, medical technology, power technology, defence & energy, etc were discussed, and a Round Table on 'India-Russia scope for Industrial Manufacturing Cooperation' wherein the prospects and plans for cooperation in the fields of heavy engineering, automotive, electrical engineering, power engineering etc. were discussed.

The Show also included a Global Sourcing Meet with key stakeholders and Vendor Development sessions by the Indian Public Sector Enterprises, Industrial Design Forum and Orientation Programme by the National Institute of Design, ZED Certification session

by the Quality Council of India, a session on making MSMEs globally competitive and Accreditation session by National Accreditation Board for Certification Bodies (NABCB) which were attended by delegates and visitors.

A Technology Meet to create awareness among Indian MSMEs on technology upgradation, and a session on Executive Knowledge Series conducted by Indian School of Business were also held as part of the Show.

EEPC India signed the following Memoranda of Understanding during the event:

(i) With JSC "Moscow Region Development Corporation" (MRDC), to promote trade and investment and development of business relations between members of EEPC India and MRDC in the field of engineering business and investment.

(ii) With BVV Fairs, the organisers of 59th edition of the MSV Engineering Trade Fair to be held in Brno, Czech Republic, in October 2017, where India will be the Partner Country.

**e)** The major steps taken by the Government to promote Indian engineering exports through EEPC India, inter alia, include promotion of Brand "India Engineering" in India and abroad in major international engineering shows; supporting Technology Upgradation particularly of the MSME sector; organizing seminars and workshops across India on export finance, quality upgradation, focus country programmes etc.; organizing India shows/Indian engineering exhibitions; participation in various exhibitions abroad, etc.

**Country wise details of foreign delegates/ companies who participated in the IESS 2017,  
Chennai**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>No. of Delegates</b>
1	ALGERIA	3
2	ARMENIA	1
3	AUSTRALIA	1
4	BAHRAIN	1
5	BANGLADESH	60
6	BELGIUM	1
7	BENIN	14
8	BOTSWANA	2
9	BRAZIL	13
10	CAMEROON	1
11	CANADA	2
12	COLOMBIA	3
13	CZECH REPUBLIC	9
14	EGYPT	5
15	ETHIOPIA	7
16	FINLAND	1
17	GERMANY	5
18	GHANA	6
19	GUATEMALA	2
20	INDONESIA	1
21	IRAN	1
22	IVORY COAST	1
23	JORDAN	2
24	KENYA	7
25	LUXEMBOURG	1
26	MALAWI	1
27	NAMIBIA	28
28	NEPAL	23
29	NIGERIA	17
30	OMAN	1
31	PHILIPPINES	1
32	RUSSIAN FEDERATION	113
33	SAUDI ARABIA	2
34	SINGAPORE	2
35	SOUTH AFRICA	5
36	SRI LANKA	54
37	SUDAN	3
38	TANZANIA	2
39	THAILAND	1
40	UGANDA	8
41	UKRAINE	6
42	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	2
43	UNITED KINGDOM	12
44	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4
45	UZBEKISTAN	32
46	VIETNAM	14
	<b>Total</b>	<b>481</b>

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5753(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**ASIDE SCHEME**

**5753(H). SHRI BODHSINGH BHAGAT:**

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

- (a) whether ASIDE scheme has been shelved by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the ongoing projects sanctioned before closure of the said scheme will be provided central component of the funds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the amount of central component yet to be released for ongoing projects sanctioned under the said scheme in Madhya Pradesh and the time by which it is likely to be approved?

**ANSWER**

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(a): Yes, Madam. The ASIDE Scheme was delinked from the support of the centre in Budget 2015-16 due to increased devolution of Union taxes to the States (32% to 42%). No funds were therefore provided to the States under the ASIDE scheme in the year 2015-16 and 2016-17. For the ongoing central sector projects, only a limited amount of Rs 50.00 cr was provided in 2015-16 and Rs 65.00 cr in 2016-17. No funds are being provided from 2017-18 onwards.

(b): No, Madam. The States have been requested to complete their ongoing ASIDE projects in the States from their increased devolution of funds. Limited assistance was given in 2015-16 and 2016-17 to the ongoing projects sanctioned under the Central Component of ASIDE scheme which were nearing completion. No further funding is envisaged under the ASIDE scheme.

(C): Does not arise.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5767(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**EXHIBITION CENTRES AND TRADE FAIRS**

**5767(H). SHRIMATI RANJANBEN BHATT:**

**SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to construct International Exhibition Centres in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to construct some of these exhibition centres in Gujarat also and if so, the number and locations thereof along with the time frame fixed for their completion and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has geared up to install and commission effective systems for digital transactions at India International Trade Fair (IITF) since there had been complaints of many ATMs malfunctioning during the 2016 edition of IITF in November and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the comprehensive outcome of India's participation as the Partner Nation in INNOPROM-2016 in Russia and the details of fast-track investment opportunities materialized at this event; and
- (e) whether the Government has been monitoring the trends in the much acclaimed Branch India Engineering campaign and if so, the details thereof along with new steps initiated to keep up the pace in the standardization procedures for various products and services?

**ANSWER**

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- (a) Yes, Madam. The Government has accorded its approval to India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) for the redevelopment of Pragati Maidan into a new world class Integrated Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (IECC) at a cost of Rs. 2254 crore which envisages developing the following facilities:

- Exhibition facility of 1,19,445 sq. mts.

- Convention Centre of about 7000 PAX capacity
- Basement Parking for 4800 vehicles
- Administration Block of an area of 8857 Sq. mts.

ITPO has established two exhibition Centres, one at Chennai and the other at Bengaluru through its two joint ventures – Tamil Nadu Trade Promotion Organisation (TNTPO) and the Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation (KTPO) respectively. These joint ventures are in collaboration with the respective State Governments. As an expansion plan for KTPO, the Board of Directors (BoD), KTPO has recently approved a proposal to construct a new Exhibition cum Convention Hall of 4000/5000 sq. mtrs. The BoD of TNTPO has also recently approved expansion plan to construct 16000-17000 sq. mtrs. of exhibition space at TNTPO.

The BoD of ITPO has further approved setting up of a Joint venture between ITPO and Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) at Kochi.

The Government, on 23.03.2016, also gave its approval for creation of a state-of-the-art Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (ECC) at Dwarka, New Delhi. The ECC comprises of a host of independent and mutually beneficial facilities like exhibition halls, convention centres, banquet halls, auditoria, hotels, Food & Beverage (F&B) outlets & retail services. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has transferred 89.5832 Ha. of Land to DIPP for the purpose in September, 2016.

- (b): Presently, there is no proposal, under consideration, from Government of Gujarat to construct exhibition centres in Gujarat State.
- (c): During India International Trade Fairs (IITF) 2016 itself, ITPO has introduced e-Governance facilities like online space booking of stalls and online purchase of tickets. Following digital services have been informed by ITPO during the IITF 2016 :-
- Online booking of stalls by exhibitors using payment gateway services.

- ii. Sale of ticket online using payment gateway. The number of online ticket sales increased from 2,896 nos. in IITF 2015 to 41,640 nos. in IITF 2016.
  - iii. Point of Sales (POS) machines were installed at ticket counters, i.e. Gate No. 1 and 2 to facilitate digital sale of entry tickets.
  - iv. To assist small scale enterprises, artisan and Exhibitors/ participants, ITPO tied-up with SBI, AXIS bank, Paytm and Free-Charge for enabling cashless transactions by the visitors. Around 2250 swipe machines (POS) and e-wallet services were provided to participants during IITF 2016.
  - v. In addition, ITPO also facilitated 18 ATM machines for the convenience of the visitors during IITF 2016.
- (d): The outcome of India's participation as the Partner Nation in INNOPROM-2016 in Russia is that 229 business enquiries were generated amounting to US \$ 5.142 Million and 6 MoU were negotiated/ signed. In addition, the following benefits have been envisaged:
- i. Showcasing India's engineering capabilities before the business community of Russia.
  - ii. A general broadening and bolstering of bilateral collaboration between Russia and India in the industrial, trade and economic sectors.
  - iii. Possible areas for potential investment and economic collaboration.
- (e): There is a campaign named Brand India Engineering, launched by Government of India which aims at creating true brand value in international markets for Indian engineering products & services. India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), a Trust established by the Department of Commerce and the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EEPC), an apex national body representing engineering industry, are steering the campaign in coordination with national associations & industry stakeholders. The Brand India Engineering campaign has been projected at major international and domestic events over the past two years including INNOPROM (Russia), Big 5 (Dubai), Arab health (Dubai) and JIMEX (Amman). Currently, the brand campaign caters to sub-segments like pumps and valves, electrical equipment



& machinery and medical devices. Potential is also envisaged in segments like auto components, steel and textiles machinery among others. The identification has been done on the basis of the export potential and current standing of a particular segment. The campaign continues to improve and increase awareness about India's competencies in the overall engineering sector.

An important component under the initiative is a catalogue of the best in class companies, which is given priority for global showcasing. As a pre-requisite, the enrolling companies are required to meet certain standards before they can be empanelled in the catalogue. Through this initiative, the government is encouraging members to adopt global product and system standards. The utility of the catalogue was given further thrust by envisaging development of E-catalogue version. The E version aims to enhance Interactivity, Dynamic interface, universal compatibility (including offline save options), ease of access for manufacturers and clients. The new e-catalogue carries separate domain [www.engineering-brands.com](http://www.engineering-brands.com).

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5772**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**EXPORT OF ORGANIC PRODUCE**

**5772. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:**

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

- the details of the policy of the Government in respect of foreign trade of Estate produce and organic farming;
- the details of the export of organic bio-dynamic products from the country during the last three years and the current year;
- the details of total number of Indian companies having international organic certification; and
- the details of contribution of the States in exports of organic products, State/ UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

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- Ministry of Commerce & Industry has formulated the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) for certification of organic products. NPOP is being implemented since 2001. Organic products can be exported from the country only when certified by an accredited certification body under the NPOP.
- The details of export of organic products during the last three years (2014-15 to 2016-17) are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Export (Quantity in MT)</b>	<b>Export (Value in Rs. Crore)</b>	<b>Export (Value in USD million)</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	309767	2478.17	370
<b>2015-16</b>	263687	1975.87	298
<b>2014-15</b>	285663	2099.16	327

Source: APEDA

Data for the current year (2017-18) is not yet available. Biodynamic agricultural products are those which are certified under private International Standards like Demeter Standards. Data for exports of Biodynamic products is not maintained.

- (c) There were 6674 Operators certified under NPOP as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, which included individual producers, processors, traders, grower groups and wild collection operators.
- (d) The State wise export of certified organic products under NPOP for the year 2016-17 is at **Annexure-I**.

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## State Wise Export under NPOP during 2016-17

S. No.	State Name	Exported Qty (In MT)	Total Value In INR (In Lac)
1	Andhra Pradesh	348	11187.39
2	Assam	11	51.79
3	Chhattisgarh	32	290.41
4	Goa	442	18190.45
5	Gujarat	53327	33293.45
6	Haryana	5468	3507.07
7	Himachal Pradesh	9	14.61
8	Jammu & Kashmir	821	1047.34
9	Jharkhand	0	6.33
10	Karnataka	8538	16526.52
11	Kerala	4282	17649.10
12	Madhya Pradesh	141346	62599.93
13	Maharashtra	31629	18967.72
14	Meghalaya	1	19.61
15	New Delhi	45720	26364.51
16	Odisha	9	18.25
17	Punjab	205	171.95
18	Rajasthan	5760	5344.89
19	Tamil Nadu	1402	3108.23
20	Telangana	3511	4048.14
21	Uttar Pradesh	1999	3395.81
22	Uttarakhand	446	645.60
23	West Bengal	4461	21368.60
<b>Total</b>		<b>309767</b>	<b>247817.67</b>

Source: APEDA

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5778**  
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**PRODUCTS ON GEM**

**5778. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:**

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

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) has been adding the products on Government e-Marketplace (GeM) whereas there are reportedly various issues related to the assessment of seller integrity, credibility, product prices, etc. and a robust system will be in place in coming months;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the DGS&D has put in place any mechanism of check and balance on the registration of sellers and the quality of products and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the manner in which the DGS&D assesses the fake products on GeM in the absence of any such mechanism?

**ANSWER**

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(a) to (d): The vital information provided by the vendor at the time of registration is being authenticated through MCA-21, Aadhaar and PAN Database. The Seller at the time of Registration agrees with the terms & conditions of GeM which includes integrity pact, undertaking about blacklisting by Government, submission of Performance Security for contract value of Rs. 25 lakhs and above, and administrative actions for various defaults making the system credible. The products carry manufacturer's standard guarantee/warranty. The buyers after self-inspection or through third party inspection accept/ reject the goods.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5788**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**EXPORT OF TEA**

**5788. SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

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

- the total quantity of tea exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years;
- the total quantity of tea exported during the year 2016-17 and likely to be exported during 2017-18; and
- the effective measures taken by the Government to increase the export of tea during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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(a) & (b): The total quantity of tea exported and the foreign exchange earned therefrom during the last three years as well as during the year 2016-17(April-January) is given in the following Table:

Year	Quantity in Million Kgs	Value	
		Rs.Crs	Million US\$
2013-14	225.76	4509.09	746.46
2014-15	199.08	3823.64	625.55
2015 -16	232.92	4493.10	686.67
2016-17 * (Apr-Jan)	181.90	3722.99	553.99

\*- Provisional and subject to revision

The total quantity of tea export during 2016-17 can go up to 210 Million kgs. based on trends being observed and is expected to reach around 220 million kgs. during 2017-18.

(c): Tea Board has taken initiatives such as arranging buyer-seller meets, effecting exchange of delegations, participation in international trade fairs and undertaking generic promotion in key markets and engaging continuous dialogues with governments of the importing countries through our trade missions in order to boost exports of tea.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5793(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**IRREGULARITIES IN EXPORT FIGURES**

**5793(H). SHRI KIRTI AZAD:**

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

- (a) whether any case has come to the notice of the Government wherein a firm has shown very unrealistic figures about its export for availing financial benefits of various export promotion schemes started by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether any follow-up action has been taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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- (a) &(b) As per reports available, some exporters are found to have artificially inflated their exports to avail financial benefits during the last three years. A list of such cases alongwith action taken thereof is attached as Annexure 'A'.
- (c) & (d) The Regional Office concerned has taken appropriate action under Foreign Trade (Development& Regulation) Act, 1992 including cancelling the Duty Credit Scrips and imposing penalty in such cases.

**The list of Exporters who have artificially inflated their exports to avail financial benefits from various export promotion schemes during the last four years**

**1. From 1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014**

Sl. No.	Name of the Firm	Action taken
1.	M/s. R.R. World(IEC No. 0308005325)	Adjudication order dated 14.03.2014 issued cancelling DEPB and VKGUY Scrips issued to the firm. Also penalty of Rs. 10.00 lakhs imposed on the firm.

**2. From 1.4.2014 to 31.3.2015 Nil**

**3. From 1.4.2015 to 31.3.2016**

Sl. No.	Name of the Firm	Action taken
1.	M/s. Nayasa Exports Pvt. Ltd. (IEC No. 0303016990)	Adjudication order dated 07.08.2015 issued cancelling DEPB issued and penalty of Rs. 25.00 lakhs imposed on the firm.

**4. From 1.4.2016 to 31.3.2017**

Sl. No.	Name of the Firm	Action taken
1.	M/s. R.k. Enterprises (IEC No. 0311087469)	Adjudication order dated 29.04.2016 issued cancelling FMS/FPS scrips. Penalty of Rs. 50.00 lakhs imposed on the firm.
2.	M/s. Raj Enterprises (IEC No. 0398055688)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 7,00,000/- imposed.
3.	M/s. Sai Smruti Trading Pvt. Ltd. (IEC No. 0312080255)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 20.00 Lakhs imposed.
4.	M/s. CRM International (IEC No. 0312077751)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs imposed.
5.	M/s. Vidhi Traders (IEC No. 0312080255)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 15.00 Lakhs imposed.
6.	M/s. R.B. Agencies (IEC No. 0309079543)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 25.00 Lakhs imposed.
7.	M/s. Swastik Trading Co. (IEC No. 0311066054)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 10.00 Lakhs imposed.
8.	M/s. Vincy International (IEC No. 0312003811)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs imposed.
9.	M/s. K.A.M Enterprises (IEC No. 0312019947)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 35.00 Lakhs imposed.
10.	M/s. Manfred International (IEC No. 0312026358)	Penalty of Rs. 75.00 Lakhs imposed imposed
11.	M/s. Venity Trading (IEC No. 0312012438)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 45.00 Lakhs imposed.



12.	M/s. R.S.P International (IEC No. 0312043015)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 45.00 Lakhs imposed.
13.	M/s. Roopa Industries (IEC No. 0312040938)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 30.00 Lakhs imposed.
14.	M/s. M.S. International (IEC No. 0312032081)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs imposed.
15.	M/s. M.K. Traders (IEC No. 0312031220)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 35.00 Lakhs imposed.
16.	M/s. R.R. Trading (IEC No. 0312031203)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 35.00 Lakhs imposed.
17.	M/s. M.B. Enterprises (IEC No. 0312026340)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs imposed.
18.	M/s. M.R. Enterprises (IEC No. 0312012501)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 30.00 Lakhs imposed.
19.	M/s. M.S. Overseas (IEC No. 0311088783)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs imposed.
20.	M/s. Valiant Traders (IEC No. 0311088638)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 25.00 Lakhs imposed.
21.	M/s. V.V. Trading (IEC No. 0311080596)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 40.00 Lakhs imposed.
22.	M/s. Vin Max Enterprises (IEC No. 0311078818)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs imposed.
23.	M/s. Virat Trading (IEC No. 0311068430)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs imposed.
24.	M/s. VJM Infra Projects Pvt. Ltd. (IEC No. 0311036180)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 1.50 crores imposed.
25.	M/s. VRL Enterprises (IEC No. 0311022189)	-Do- Penalty of Rs. 50.00 Lakhs imposed.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5800(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**SEPARATE BOARD FOR TRADING**

**5800(H). SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate board for promotion of turmeric, cumin, isabgol, pulses, mango and banana trade in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide all kinds of assistance to trade in turmeric, cumin, isabgol , pulses, mango and banana; and
- (d) the total revenue earned through domestic trade and the export of turmeric, cumin, isabgol, mango and banana during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a) & (b): Presently, there is no proposal to set up a separate Board for promotion of turmeric, cumin, isabgol, pulses, mango and banana trade in the country as several Departments/organizations are already working on various aspects relating to development, research, export and market promotion of these crops. Setting up of a separate Board may result in multiplication of agencies and programmes with similar objects and functions.

(c): Government implements various schemes/programmes for assisting trade in turmeric, cumin, isabgol , pulses, mango and banana such as Infrastructure development for adoption of Hi-Tech in spices processing, technology up-gradation, market study abroad, product development through scientific research, value addition, quality improvement and branding, participation of exporters in major international fairs/exhibitions, promotion of Indian spice brands abroad, establishment of spices parks for setting up common infrastructure facilities for processing of spices, setting up of quality evaluation laboratories and conducting of buyer-seller meets. In addition, implements the 'Merchandise Exports from India Scheme' (MEIS) to incentivize export of merchandise which are produced/manufactured in India. Further, government is undertaking various programmes such as conservation, development and sustainable management and cultivation of medicinal plants including Isabgol, setting up of Common Vapour Heat Treatment Facility for common use by the exporters with the objective of mitigating the post

harvest quarantine requirement of countries importing fruits and vegetables from India, scheme for recognition of horticulture pack house for export of fruits and vegetables to improve the quality of produce etc.

(d) Information regarding total revenue earned through domestic trade of turmeric, cumin, isabgol, mango and banana trade is not centrally maintained. Export figures of these crops for the last three years is at **Annexure 1**.

**Annexure 1**

**Statement showing revenue earned through export of turmeric, cumin, isabgol, mango and banana during the last three years(2013-14 to 2015-16)**

**Export (Rs. in Crores)**

Year	Turmeric	Cumin	Isabgol Seed/Husk	Mangoes Fresh/Dried	Banana Fresh/ Other Bananas excluding Plantain
2013-14	667	1600	767.91	312.29	155.23
2014-15	744	1838	935.82	341.35	244.84
2015-16	922	1567	1168.34	365.59	361.19

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5816**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**PROCUREMENT THROUGH E-MARKET**

**5816. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make it mandatory for all its departments to procure goods and services through e-market in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a)& (b): As per Rule 149 of the GFR-2017, procurement of Goods and Services by Ministries/ Departments of Central Government has been made mandatory for Goods or Services available on GeM.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5818**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND OILS**

**5818. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:**

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

- (a) the details of imports of potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last two years, month-wise and item wise;
- (b) whether the Government has slashed import duty on these products and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether cheaper imports are likely to increase as a result thereof thereby impacting small and marginal features; and
- (d) if so, the manner in which Government is planning to address shortage of some of these items and the impact on farming community?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a) The details of imports of potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last two years, month-wise and item-wise is given at **Annexure-I**. No import of potatoes was made during the said period.

(b) The import duty on potatoes, wheat, crude palm oil and refined oil during the last few years is given at **Annexure-II**.

(c)&(d) The import and export of agricultural products is made keeping in view of the various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, concerns of food security, remunerative prices to the growers, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing/exporting countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness, availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices etc. The Government takes into account the above factors before deciding on duty structure or other measures relating to import or export of agricultural commodities.

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## Annexure-I

## Quantity in MT/Value in USD Million

MONTH	CRUDE PALM OIL AND ITS FRACTNS		REFINED BLEACHED DEODRSED PALM OIL		REFINED BLCHD DEODRSED PALMOLEIN		REFIND COLZA OIL OF EDBLE GRDE		REFIND RAPESEEDOIL OF EDBLE GRDE		REFIND RAPESEED OIL EDBLE GRADE		WHEAT	
	ITCHS 15111000		ITCHS 15119010		ITCHS 15119020		ITCHS 15141910		ITCHS 15141920		ITCHS 15149930		ITCHS 1001	
2014-15														
MONTH	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
APR-14	440737	415.99		0.00	65020	60.18			294	0.32	0		0	
MAY-14	517670	482.48		0.00	106162	99.67			105	0.12	0		0	
JUN-14	470423	417.36		0.00	82425	73.39	21	0.02	337	0.36	15	0.03	0	
JUL-14	579767	494.00	99000	0.12	101290	87.78			209	0.23	0	0.00	0	
AUG-14	592892	497.96		0.00	172656	142.22			314	0.34	0	0.00	0	
SEP-14	586195	464.70	99000	0.11	154561	123.66			312	0.34	0	0.00	5732	2.07
OCT-14	698766	514.83	403000	0.34	133945	101.51			540	0.59	0	0.00	9387	3.30
NOV-14	710730	502.16	7747000	4.88	76395	55.68			332	0.34	0	0.00	1648	0.50
DEC-14	707387	493.31	319640	0.32	70953	53.21			316	0.32	0	0.00	1025	0.31
JAN-15	635403	432.55	98720	0.11	52051	38.46			515	0.52	0	0.00	3074	0.97
FEB-15	479636	322.32		0.00	79042	55.54			147	0.16	40	0.04	4619	1.50
MAR-15	551389	371.34	598330	0.61	86572	58.30			210	0.20	0		4007	1.30
<b>Total...</b>	<b>6970995</b>	<b>5409.01</b>	<b>9364690</b>	<b>6.49</b>	<b>1181072</b>	<b>949.58</b>	<b>21.37</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>3631</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>29491</b>	<b>9.95</b>
<b>2015-16</b>														
APR-15	555251	365.99	59400	0.06	155539	101.90			761	0.73	0	0	4106	1.29
MAY-15	595620	383.62	158630	0.16	281436	183.32			13	0.02	10	0.02	7682	2.25
JUN-15	529098	345.74	78970	0.08	226632	151.68			16707	14.35	0	0.00	97078	27.00
JUL-15	666543	440.11	100120	0.10	161085	110.39			368	0.38	0	0.00	190531	50.53
AUG-15	683513	425.22	298550	0.31	214081	138.11			462	0.44	15	0.02	127203	30.72
SEP-15	588510	328.54	239070	0.25	185976	105.93			273	0.25	0	0.00	3076	0.82
OCT-15	824439	438.53	320680	0.33	202771	117.24			66	0.10	15	0.03	42516	11.15
NOV-15	557970	303.07	140390	0.14	242610	142.55			104	0.09	0	0.00	100	0.03
DEC-15	766659	415.68	242050	0.24	266688	152.04			253	0.23	20	0.02	29425	7.64
JAN-16	515446	275.48	60430	0.05	168703	97.53			372	0.34	4	0.01	4950	1.25
FEB-16	472189	258.47	60462	0.05	232445	139.27			230	0.20	0	0.00	8250	2.07
MAR-16	356821	219.62	60250	0.05	231146	144.91			40	0.04	4	0.01	2750	0.70
<b>Total...</b>	<b>7112059</b>	<b>4200.08</b>	<b>1819002</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>2569112</b>	<b>1584.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19647</b>	<b>17.16</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>517667</b>	<b>135.45</b>

## Import duty on potatoes, wheat crude palm oil and refined oil during the last few years:

Commodity	Applicable Rate of Duty	Date from which applicable	Date till which applicable
<b>Potatoes</b>	30%	Prior to 22.09.2016	22.09.2016
	10%	23.09.2016	31.10.2016
	30%	01.11.2016	-
<b>Wheat</b>	Nil	09.09.2006	06.08.2015
	10%	07.08.2015	18.10.2016
	25%	19.10.2015	22.09.2016
	10%	23.09.2016	07.12.2016
	Nil	08.12.2016	27.03.2017
	10%	28.03.2017	-
<b>Crude Palm oils</b>	2.5%	23.01.2013	23.12.2014
	7.5%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	12.5%	17.09.2015	22.09.2016
	7.5%	23.09.2016	-
<b>Refined Palm oils</b>	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	22.09.2016
	15%	23.09.2016	-
<b>Refined Sunflower oil</b>	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
<b>Soyabean oil (refined)</b>	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
<b>Refined Mustard/rapeseed/colza/canola oils</b>	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-
<b>All other edible oils (Refined)</b>	10%	20.01.2014	23.12.2014
	15%	24.12.2014	16.09.2015
	20%	17.09.2015	-

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5820**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**GRIEVANCES OF FDDI STUDENTS**

**5820. SHRI C.R. PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) has asked students including those whose degrees are presently invalid, to deposit semester fees failing which fine will be imposed and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether some students have protested against this on the ground that while degree's validity is in question and accordingly no bank is releasing further installments of education loans due to validity issue and also in view of the fact that the fee is supposed to be paid for valid degrees courses;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with representations received by the Government both in print form and social media along with reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to come to the rescue of the affected students by asking FDDI not to insist for fee from such students and accept the semester fees without any penalties after settlement of validity issue; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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**(a) to (c):** FDDI is an autonomous organization which operates on a self financing mode. The revenue generated by way of fees received from the students and other receipts is essential for the FDDI to be in operation and cannot be waived off.

**(d) & (e):** The Government has introduced a bill to declare FDDI as an Institution of National Importance in Lok Sabha on 14/03/2017 so as to improve the stature of the FDDI and empower the Institute to grant degrees to its students.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5830**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**MEAT EXPORTING COMPANIES**

**5830. SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:**

**SHRI ANSHUL VERMA:**

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

- the names of companies/ firms engaged in meat processing and its export along with the mode of receiving payment for their meat exports;
- the details of revenue earned by these meat exporting companies/ firms from export of meat during the last three years and the current year, company-wise along with the foreign revenue earned by the Government therefrom; and
- the role of the Government/ Department having concern directly or indirectly in the whole process of processing and export of meat to foreign countries?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a) The names of companies/ firms approved by APEDA and engaged in meat processing and its export is given at **Annexure-I**. Information on payment transactions by exporters is not available.

(b) The details of revenue earned through export of meat during the last three years and the current year (till January,2017) is given below. Exporter-wise trade value is not released.

**QTY IN TON AND VALUE IN INR CR.**

DESCRIPTION	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (APR,16- JAN,17)*	
	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE	QTY	VALUE
<b>MEAT</b>	1470765	27220	1536426	30201	1343666	27610	1098829	22074

\* FIGURES OF 2016-17 ARE PROVISIONAL

(c) The following steps are taken by the Government for processing and export of meat:

(i) As per the current Foreign Trade Policy, all export oriented meat processing establishments are required to be registered with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Inspection of meat processing establishments is carried out by an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising of representatives from Department of Animal Husbandry Dairying and Fisheries (DAHDF), State Animal Husbandry Departments, Export Inspection Council of India, Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), reputed veterinary scientists, Food safety experts etc. During inspection, focus of the committee is on hygiene and sanitation standard maintained by the plant, ante mortem and post mortem inspections, infrastructure, hygiene, laboratories facilities, record maintenance etc.

(ii). Introduction of meat.net software to facilitate issue of Health Certificates through the system.

(iii). Work with Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries (DAHDF) and State Animal Husbandry Departments for resolving export related issues.

(iv). Facilitate exporters overcome various trade related issues.

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**Names of companies/ firms engaged in meat processing and its export:**

<b>Sl.No.</b>	<b>Name of the Companies/firm</b>
1.	M/s M.K. Overseas Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
2.	M/s. Allanasons Private Limited., Mumbai
3.	M/s. Fair Exports India (P) Ltd., Mumbai
4.	M/s Miki Exports International, New Delhi
5.	M/s Mirha Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
6.	M/s Al- Junaid Foods (P) Ltd, Meerut, U.P.
7.	M/s SRK Cold Storage Pvt. Ltd. , Mumbai
8.	M/s. Al Karim Exports Pvt Ltd, Mumbai
9.	M/s Sahiba Frozen Foods Export (P) Ltd., Khurja, U.P.
10.	M/s. Al-Saqib Exports Pvt. Ltd., Meerut, U.P.
11.	M/s Al Takbeer Frozen Foods Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
12.	M/s Al-Hamd Agro Food Products Pvt. Ltd., Aligarh, U.P.
13.	M/s Hamd Foods (P) Ltd., Delhi
14.	M/s Anna Associate (P) Ltd., New Delhi
15.	M/s M D Frozen Food Exports, Delhi
16.	M/s Al Kaif Industries, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
17.	Al-Aqsa Frozen Food Exports, Meerut, U.P.
18.	M/s Bushra Foods (P) Ltd., Maharashtra
19.	M/s Al Nasir Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
20.	Al Sameer Exports Pvt. Ltd., Meerut, Uttar Pradesh
21.	M/s Al-Shifa Frozen Foods Pvt. Ltd. Khurja, U.P.
22.	M/s Mark International Foods Stuff Pvt. Ltd., Navi Mumbai
23.	M/s Tanya Marketing Private Limited, Meerut, U.P.
24.	M/s. Asvini Agro Exports ,Chennai
25.	M/s. Sarah Foods, Delhi
26.	M/s Al Aali Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.
27.	Shaheen Frozen Foods, Maharashtra
28.	<i>M/s Telangana Foods Private Limited, Medak Distt. Telangana</i>
29.	M/s. Al Kabeer Exports (P) Ltd., Mumbai
30.	M/s. Hind Agro Industries Ltd., New Delhi
31.	M/s. ALM Industries Ltd., Saharanpur, U.P.
32.	M/s Amroon Foods Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai
33.	M/s. Abbott Cold Storages Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
34.	M/s. Al- Nafees Frozen Food Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
35.	M/s All India Meat and Livestock Exporters Association, Mumbai
36.	M/s Al Noor Exports, New Delhi
37.	M/s HMA Food Exports Pvt. Ltd., Agra, U.P.
38.	M/s J.S. International, Kanpur, U.P.

39.	M/s Al-Quresh Exports, Mumbai
40.	M/s Eagle Continental Foods Pvt. Ltd., Hapur, U.P.
41.	M/s Al Falah Frozen Foods, Moradabad, U.P.
42.	M/s. Al Karim Exports Pvt Ltd,Sambhal, UP
43.	M/s India Frozen Foods, Sambhal, UP
44.	M/s. M.K. Exports., New Delhi
45.	M/s Al Faheem Meatex Pvt. Ltd., Meerut, U.P.
46.	M/s H.M.A. Agro Industries Ltd., Agra, U.P.
47.	M/s Mirha Exports Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
48.	M/s. Mohammed Saleem, Hyderabad
49.	M/s. Rustam Foods Pvt. Ltd., Lucknow, U.P.
50.	M/s AOV Exports Pvt. Ltd., Kanpur,U.P.
51.	M/s. A.Q Frozen Foods (P) Ltd., New Delhi
52	M/s Ahmednagar Dist. Goat Rearing & Co-Op Fed. Ltd. Maharashtra
53	M/s. Al – Dua Food Processing (P) Ltd., New Delhi
54	M/s. FrigorificoAllanaPrivate Limited., Mumbai
55	M/s Rayban Foods Private Ltd., New Delhi
56	M/s. AliffaAgro (India) Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi
57	M/s. Ponne Products Exports, Tamil Nadu
58	M/s. Meem Agro Foods Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
59	M/s Mash Agro Foods Ltd., Kanpur, U.P.
60	M/s Marya Frozen Agro Foods Pvt. Ltd., Bareilly, U.P.
61	M/s. Al-Hasan Agro Foods Pvt. Ltd, Aligarh, U.P.
62	M/s. Federal Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi
63	M/s.Reliable Agro Foods, Mumbai
64	M/s Omar International Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
65	M/s Siba International, Delhi
66	M/s.International Agro Foods, Ghaziabad, U.P.
67	M/s. Al-Sami Agro Products Pvt. Ltd., Andhra Pradesh
68	M/s Al-Mafko Frozen Foods Pvt. Ltd., Maharashtra
69	M/s AOV Agro Foods Pvt. Ltd., NOIDA, U.P.
70	M/s. I Ahmed and Co. (Cold Storage and Exports) Pvt. Ltd. Navi Mumbai
71	M/s Samnan International Pvt. Ltd.,Navi Mumbai
72	M/s Javed Qureshi Exports, Mumbai
73	Maharashtra Foods Processing and Cold Storage , Maharashtra
74	M/s Al Saad Exports Pvt. Ltd.,Hyderabad
75	M.U.N. Agro Industries Pvt. Ltd., Maharashtra
76	ALM Food Products Limited, Saharanpur, U.P.
77	M/s. Al- Nafees Proteins Private Limited, New Delhi.
78	Al Ammar Frozen Foods Exports Pvt. Ltd., Delhi
79	M/s Zakariya Agro Pvt. Ltd., Kanpur,U.P.
80.	M/s Standard Frozen Foods Exports Pvt. Ltd., Hapur, U.P.
81.	M/s Marhaba Frozen Foods, New Delhi.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5859(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE IN FOREIGN TRADE BASKET**

**5859(H). SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:**

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

- (a) the details of the agricultural produce included in foreign trade basket at the time of independence along with the value and quantum thereof;
- (b) the details of changes in the said basket after a period of every ten years along with the value and quantum of the produce; and
- (c) the present status of the said basket along with the value and quantum of the produce therein?

**ANSWER**

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(a, b & c): ITC (HS) [Indian Trade Classification based on Harmonized System) based data is available only from 2000-01 onwards in the database maintained by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S). Details of India's agricultural exports and imports, for the years 2000-01, 2009-10, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (April - January) are at **Annexure-I** and **Annexure – II** respectively. Quantities have not been provided as different units are sometimes used for different HS Codes within a single chapter and hence are not additive.

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## Annexure – I

## EXPORT UNDER CHAPTER 01 TO 24

CHA- PTER	Chapter Description	Value in USD Million			
		2000-01	2009-10	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr to Jan)
01	LIVE ANIMALS	1.66	16.81	70.80	30.47
02	MEAT AND EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL	317.61	1323.75	4209.99	3286.62
03	FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	1373.20	1815.49	4486.29	4673.71
04	DAIRY PRODUCE; BIRDS' EGGS; NATURAL HOENEY; EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN N.E.S.	45.27	194.64	328.49	228.00
05	PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, N.E.S. OF INCLUDED	42.82	67.08	91.64	68.57
06	LIVE TREES & OTHER PLANTS; BULBS; ROOTS & THE LIKE; CUT FLOWERS & ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE	29.03	61.95	73.80	65.61
07	EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS	265.15	848.75	1261.41	1050.39
08	EDIBLE FRUIT & NUTS; PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS	600.48	1096.62	1584.68	1271.76
09	COFFEE, TEA, MATE & SPICES	857.40	1616.58	2954.88	2529.70
10	CEREALS	742.96	2991.45	6272.02	4786.35
11	PRODUCTS OF THE MILLING INDUSTRY; MALT; STARCHES; INSULIN; WHEAT GLUTEN	38.61	65.96	299.47	181.41
12	OIL SEEDS OLEAGINOUS FRUITS; MISC. GRAINS, SEEDS & FRUITS; INDUSTRIAL OR MEDICINAL PLANTS; STRAW & FODDER	331.65	835.61	1673.54	1452.12
13	LAC; GUMS, RESINS & OTHER VEGETABLES SAPS & EXTRACTS	235.12	395.44	868.99	658.64
14	VEGETABLE PLAINTING MATERIALS; VEGETABLE PRODUCTS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED	18.36	50.78	66.06	53.71
15	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS & OILS & THEIR CLEAVAGE PRODUCTS; ANIMAL VEGETABLE WAXES	232.61	560.22	877.27	706.72
16	PREPARATIONS OF MEAT OF FISH OR OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSES OF OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	4.58	253.10	211.97	260.66
17	SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY	117.63	103.82	1763.61	1268.83
18	COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS	2.97	20.59	193.31	137.63
19	PREPARATIONS OF CEREALS, FLOUR , STARCH OR MILK; PASTRY COOK' PRODUCTS	39.05	214.53	506.24	435.17
20	PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUITS, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS	67.37	274.97	488.26	392.76
21	MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PREPARATIONS	123.82	293.66	568.83	512.03
22	BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR	37.01	130.43	320.51	258.21
23	RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL FODDER	460.63	1735.33	802.69	794.47
24	TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES	190.13	916.06	982.01	765.12
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6175.11</b>	<b>15883.63</b>	<b>30956.75</b>	<b>25868.66</b>

Source: DGC&amp;S

## IMPORT UNDER CHAPTER 01 TO 24

CHA-PTER	Chapter Description	Value in USD Million			
		2000-01	2009-10	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr to Jan)
01	LIVE ANIMALS	0.29	11.43	9.28	8.21
02	MEAT AND EDIBLE MEAT OFFAL	0.09	1.15	1.95	2.40
03	FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	6.72	42.41	67.18	49.28
04	DAIRY PRODUCE; BIRDS' EGGS; NATURAL HONEY; EDIBLE PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN N.E.S.	11.86	70.39	51.82	31.72
05	PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, N.E.S. OF INCLUDED	13.23	20.60	38.44	34.73
06	LIVE TREES & OTHER PLANTS; BULBS; ROOTS & THE LIKE; CUT FLOWERS & ORNAMENTAL FOLIAGE	0.46	9.71	17.43	16.85
07	EDIBLE VEGETABLES AND CERTAIN ROOTS AND TUBERS	113.23	2254.42	4022.32	3536.57
08	EDIBLE FRUIT & NUTS; PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS	385.74	1247.32	3051.09	2511.70
09	COFFEE, TEA, MATE & SPICES	56.76	315.16	771.96	608.72
10	CEREALS	7.95	66.83	188.59	706.66
11	PRODUCTS OF THE MILLING INDUSTRY; MALT; STARCHES; INSULIN; WHEAT GLUTEN	11.69	26.79	56.93	47.36
12	OIL SEEDS OLEAGINOUS FRUITS; MISC. GRAINS, SEEDS & FRUITS; INDUSTRIAL OR MEDICINAL PLANTS; STRAW & FODDER	26.07	171.55	328.72	319.35
13	LAC; GUMS, RESINS & OTHER VEGETABLE SAPS & EXTRACTS	24.81	91.83	203.38	177.02
14	VEGETABLE PLAITING MATERIALS; VEGETABLE PRODUCTS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED	1.42	7.22	29.04	31.91
15	ANIMAL OR VEGETABLE FATS & OILS & THEIR CLEAVAGE PRODUCTS; ANIMAL VEGETABLE WAXES	1417.56	5645.43	10530.35	8937.14
16	PREPARATIONS OF MEAT OF FISH OR OF CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS OF OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	0.17	3.89	2.86	2.34
17	SUGARS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY	16.17	1317.97	692.56	967.52
18	COCOA AND COCOA PREPARATIONS	9.51	79.85	212.96	195.93
19	PREPARATIONS OF CEREALS, FLOUR, STARCH OR MILK; PASTRY COOK' PRODUCTS	11.45	30.63	59.31	46.98
20	PREPARATIONS OF VEGETABLES, FRUITS, NUTS OR OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS	8.72	47.30	78.46	66.16
21	MISCELLANEOUS EDIBLE PREPARATIONS	52.47	56.02	137.38	123.19
22	BEVERAGES, SPIRITS AND VINEGAR	13.62	296.40	559.58	557.41
23	RESIDUES AND WASTE FROM THE FOOD INDUSTRIES; PREPARED ANIMAL FODDER	27.79	181.52	382.28	413.22
24	TOBACCO AND MANUFACTURED TOBACCO SUBSTITUTES	4.58	24.78	50.28	37.28
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2222.38</b>	<b>12020.58</b>	<b>21544.14</b>	<b>19429.64</b>

Source: DGC&amp;S

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5883(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**CONCESSIONS AND BENEFITS TO SEZS**

**5883(H). SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:**

**SHRI B.V. NAIK:**

**SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:**

**SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:**

**SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:**

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

- (a) the details of the amount of tax exemptions as well as financial assistance given to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) during the last three years and the current year, year-wise along with the revenue earned by these SEZs through export during the said period;
- (b) whether the Government is planning to increase the tax exemptions and other benefits to SEZs and if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government to the achievement of the required objectives from the financial assistance given to SEZs;
- (c) whether certain developers of SEZs have sought cancellation of their projects in some States and if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has taken any decision to re-allocate SEZs to new developers or formulate any other strategy to utilize the land under SEZs and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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(a): The fiscal concessions and duty benefits allowed to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are in-built into the SEZs Act, 2005 and Rules thereunder. However, no financial assistance is given to SEZs by the Central Government.

(i) Duty exemptions for the last three years and the current year is as under:

Years	Duty Exemptions (Rs. in crore)
2013-2014	40,239
2014-2015	40,632
2015-2016	52,216



2016-2017 (as on 31.12.2016)	56,418
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(ii) Revenue earned through exports from the SEZs during the last three years and the current year is as under:

Years	Exports (Rs. in crore)
2013-2014	4,94,077
2014-2015	4,63,770
2015-2016	4,67,337
2016-2017 (as on 31.12.2016)	3,58,203

(b): No Madam. There is no such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c): As on date 109 SEZs developers have sought cancellation of their projects in some States as the Developers have found the projects economically unviable in the changed economic situation. State-wise distribution of number of said SEZs approved for cancellation is at **Annexure**.

(d): No Madam. Land is a State subject. Central Government only consider the proposal of setting up of new SEZs if recommended by the concerned State Government. As such, question of re-allocating SEZs land by the central government to the new developers does not arise.

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*Annexure to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 5883 for 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017*

<b>State-wise distribution of number of said SEZs approved for cancellation</b>	
<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>Numbers</b>
Andhra Pradesh	6
Dadra Nagar Haveli	1
Delhi	1
Gujarat	8
Haryana	6
Karnataka	8
Kerala	3
Madhya Pradesh	6
Maharashtra	28
Odisha	1
Punjab	4
Tamil Nadu	10
Telangana	14
Uttarakhand	1
Uttar Pradesh	6
West Bengal	6
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5900**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS**

**5900. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has expanded Preferential Trade Agreements with many countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to offer incentives to companies for boosting exports to these countries with which the Government has expanded preferential trade agreements; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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(a) & (b): Yes Madam, the government has recently expanded two Preferential Trade Agreements, namely, Chile and Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA). The India-Chile Preferential Trade Agreement of March, 2006 was further expanded on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016, according to which India and Chile have offered to each other concessions on 1031 and 1784 tariff lines respectively. The 4<sup>th</sup> Round of tariff concessions under Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) was concluded on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017, according to which tariff concessions on specified lines based on Margin of Preference have been offered by member countries to each other. The first Round of APTA was entered into force in 1975 and the current membership of APTA includes Bangladesh, China, India, Lao PDR, Republic of Korea, and Sri Lanka. Both the Agreements will come into force subject to completion of internal procedures.

(c)&(d) There are no specific schemes for promoting exports under these two Agreements, however, exporters can avail of the existing export promotion schemes for boosting exports to the countries covered under the two Agreements.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5923(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**EXPORT OF SEAFOOD**

**5923(H). SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:**

**SHRI ARVIND SAWANT:**

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

- (a) whether the United States of America (USA) is the major destination for Indian seafood exports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the USA has imposed certain conditions on import of seafoods from India and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government provides subsidy for seafood exports and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action plan formulated by the Government for promotion of the said exports so as to improve the financial status of people residing in the coastal areas of the country?

**ANSWER**

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a): Yes, Madam. The percentage of seafood exports to USA in the overall seafood export during last 3 years is as follows:-

Year	Export to USA			Total Export			% share		
	Qty (in metric tonnes)	Value		Qty (in metric tonnes)	Value		n Qty	in Value	
		(in ` crores)	In US\$ (millions)		(in ` crores)	In US\$ (millions)		in`	in US\$
2014-15	129667	8830.12	1458.24	1051243	33441.61	5511.12	12.33	26.40	26.46
2015-16	153695	8633.4	1334.05	945892	30420.83	4687.94	16.25	28.38	28.46
2016-17*	165543	10199.74	1536.24	979154	33375.12	5024.84	16.91	30.56	30.57

\*Data is up to February, 2017

b): Yes, Madam. Based on the representations of Southern Shrimp Producers Alliance, the association of local shrimp producers in USA, the US DOC after its investigation has initiated Anti-Dumping Duty (ADD) on shrimp imports from India since 2004. They had contended that India was selling shrimp to USA at a price lower than that to any other country. The initial anti-dumping duty imposed was

10.17% on which every year, there has been an Administrative Review and so far after 10 such reviews, the current anti-dumping duty rate is 2.20%.

c): Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) provides the following assistance for facilitating seafood exports:-

1. Assistance for promotional expenditure for value added marine products bearing MPEDA Quality LOGO
2. Financial assistance for warehousing / Transportation / placement (slotting) of marine products abroad.
3. Sea Freight Assistance for export of Value Added Marine Products.
4. Assistance for Infrastructural Development for Value Addition
5. Assistance for Process Automation and Packaging

d): MPEDA gives financial assistance to promote exports from the country, which indirectly benefit the economy of the people living in coastal areas. Further, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries (DAHD&F) has also formulated a scheme namely, "Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries" whose one of the objectives is to increase the export earnings in the next 5 years with focus on benefit to the fishery farmers through institutional mechanisms in the fisheries cooperative, producer companies and other structures.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5931**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**PROTECTION OF CERAMIC INDUSTRIES**

**5931. SHRI VINOD LAKHAMASHI CHAVDA:**

**SHRI DEVAJIBHAI G. FATEPARA:**

**SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL:**

**DR. KIRIT P. SOLANKI:**

**SHRI C.R. PATIL:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the local soda ash and ceramic manufacturers are suffering from import of ceramic products in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government to protect domestic ceramic industries?

**ANSWER**

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(a) to (c) : Directorate General of Anti-dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) conducts anti-dumping investigations on the basis of duly substantiated application filed by the Domestic Industry (DI) alleging dumping of goods into the country causing injury to the DI. The basic intent of the anti-dumping measures is to eliminate injury caused to the DI by the unfair trade practices of dumping from exports from other countries and to create a level playing field for the DI.

Anti-dumping duty was imposed on Soda Ash imported from China PR, European Union, Kenya, Iran, Pakistan, Ukraine & USA vide notification dated 3.7.2012 and from Turkey and Russia vide notification dated 18.4.2013.

Based on the applications filed by All India Glass Manufacturers Federation, DGAD conducted Mid-term Review investigation in the abovementioned cases vide initiation notifications dated 21.7.2015 and 01.10.2015 respectively.

DGAD vide its final findings dated 23.9.2016 recommended revocation of anti-dumping duty in both the above mentioned cases. However, the disclosure statements issued by the authority were challenged by the domestic industry in the Hon'ble High Court of Gujarat. The Court has quashed the disclosure statements, subsequent final findings and the notifications issued by Department of Revenue and remanded back the case for issuance of fresh disclosure statement and final findings within a period of sixty days from the date of receipt of the judgement.

DGAD also initiated an anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of "Glazed/unglazed Porcelain/vitrified tiles in polished or unpolished finish with less than 3% water absorption" originating in or exported from China PR on 13.10.2015. Preliminary findings were issued on 11.3.2016 and provisional duty was imposed on the subject product for six months w.e.f. 29.3.2016. The Government has extended the period for completing the investigation and notifying the final findings upto 12.4.2017.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5937**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**LAND ACQUIRED FOR SEZs**

**5937. SHRI HARISH MEENA:**

**SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:**

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

- (a) the total area of land acquired for development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country including Rajasthan during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the purpose to acquire these lands under SEZs and whether the said purposes are accomplished and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the land acquired under SEZs has been given to private companies instead of setting up Government industries and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of lands which are lying vacant/unutilized along with the action taken for proper utilization of these vacant/ unutilized lands under SEZs;
- (e) whether the non-profit organisations working for the welfare of farmers has accused corporates of using land allotted to them for SEZ purpose to get loans from banks by mortgaging the land as collateral guarantee; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the action proposed to be taken by the Government against such corporates and redeem the land and return it the same to the farmers?

**ANSWER**

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(a) to (c): Land is a State subject. Land for development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is acquired as per the policy and procedures of the respective State Governments. The Board of Approval for SEZs only considers the proposal for setting of new SEZs by the entrepreneur which have been duly recommended by the State Government concerned. The SEZ scheme is primarily private investment driven.

(d): Out of total notified area of 44,177.69 hectares in respect of 349 notified SEZs (including 7 Central Government SEZs and 11 State/Private Sector SEZs), 27029.77 hectares are lying vacant in these SEZs as on 31.01.2016. The vacant land is primarily with private sector or State Public Sector Units (PSU) developers. The development of land and allotment to units by the developers is done based on the demand and market conditions. The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and



operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZ policy. At present 210 SEZs are operational.

(e) and (f): In this regard Writ Petition (Civil) Number 1044 of 2016 has been filed before Supreme Court by SEZ Farmers Protection Welfare Association. A reply has been filed by the Government. There is no restriction in SEZ Act for mortgaging land for raising loan from Banks.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5949**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**REQUESTS FOR RATE CONTRACTS OF PRODUCTS**

**5949. SHRI INNOCENT:**

**SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:**

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

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) has refused to continue or has not entertained the request from OEM/ partners for rate contracts of software, storage, networking and security items which are not on GeM and their current rate contract would expire on 31st March, 2017;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, company wise;
- (c) the names of companies and/or their authorized partners for renewal or fresh tender for rate contract beyond 31st March, 2017; and
- (d) whether the DGS&D plans to conclude the rate contract for products whose rate contract is expiring on 31st March, 2017 and if so, the details and the time thereof?

**ANSWER**

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- (a) to (c) These product categories have been brought on GeM. The concerned companies are uploading their products on GeM.
- (d) As per Rule 148 of GFR-2017, Rate Contracts will not be concluded for products available on GeM.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5951(H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**TRADE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR EXPORT SCHEME**

**5951(H). DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:**

**SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:**

**SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

**SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:**

**SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:**

**SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:**

**SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

**DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

**SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

**SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:**

**DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:**

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

- (a) whether the State Governments have been consistently requesting the support of the Centre in creation of export infrastructure after delinking of the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and other allied activities (ASIDE) Scheme in 2015 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has launched the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) recently for developing export linked infrastructure in the States;
- (c) if so, the salient features of the scheme along with the benefits accruing to the exporters therefrom and the list of agencies including Central and State Agencies eligible for financial support thereunder;
- (d) whether the Government has set up an empowered Committee to review the progress of the approved projects under the scheme periodically to ensure achievements and objectives of the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which the proposals of the implementing agencies for funding will be considered and the assistance for setting up and upgradation of existing infrastructure projects will be provided?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Various State Governments have been requesting support of Centre in creation of export infrastructure at various fora including the meetings of the Council for Trade Development and Promotion.

(b)& (c): Yes, Madam. A new scheme Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) is effective from 01.04.2017. The scheme provides assistance for setting up and up-gradation of infrastructure projects with overwhelming export linkages like the Border Haats, Land customs stations, quality testing and certification labs for exports, trade promotion centres, etc. Under the Scheme, Central Government assistance will be in the form of a grant-in-aid upto the matching equity being put in by the implementing agency in the total project cost (not more than 50% of the total equity for states other than the North Eastern States and Himalayan states and upto 80% of the total equity for projects located in North East and Himalayan States). The grant-in-aid shall be subject to a ceiling of Rs 20 Cr, normally, for each of the project. Central Government Agencies including Export Promotion Councils, Commodities Boards, SEZ Authorities, Apex Trade Bodies recognised under the EXIM policy of Government of India and the State Government undertakings are eligible for financial support under this scheme. The scheme would help create common infrastructure for development and growth of exports which would ultimately benefit the exporters using the common facility.

(d) & (e): The scheme itself embodies constitution of an Empowered Committee for deciding the grant-in-aid for the projects posed for assistance by the Implementing Agencies. The committee is chaired by Secretary, Department of Commerce with Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT); representatives of NITI Aayog; Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion; Ministry of Home Affairs; Ministry of Development of North East Region (DoNER) and Senior officers of Department of Commerce as members. The complete details of the scheme are available at the following link on the website of Department of Commerce :

[http://commerce.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadedFile/MOC\\_636265791136192633\\_TIES\\_Ffinal\\_guidelines\\_31\\_03\\_2017.pdf](http://commerce.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadedFile/MOC_636265791136192633_TIES_Ffinal_guidelines_31_03_2017.pdf).

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5970**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**FOCUS ON TRADE POLICY REFORMS**

**5970. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):**

**SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:**

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to focus on the next generation of trade policy reforms that would ensure that markets remain open for business/ITenabled services; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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(a) & (b): The Government of India continues to engage the US and the UK Administration for better access of its IT professionals in these countries. India has also taken up the matter on US visa fee hike in the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO). Likewise liberalised FDI regime, visa regime and special focus on 'ease of doing business' is part of trade reforms to create more opportunities for the businesses including IT services.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5975**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**CAMPAIGNS OF EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCILS**

**5975. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has instructed various Export Promotion Councils to come up with respective campaigns to reflect impressive image of India in the global market;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have also been given liberty to explore global markets at their provincial levels; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the coordinated efforts to set specific targets and achieve them?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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(a) & (b): Department of Commerce works with Trade Organizations to ensure India centric branding for international and national events.

(c) & (d): State Governments are free to explore global markets on their own, in matters relating to attracting investment etc.

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5976**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2017**

**CREDIBILITY OF SELLERS EMPANELLED ON GEM**

**5976. SHRI KAUSHAL KISHORE:**

**SHRI INNOCENT:**

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

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) has any credible system to ensure the credibility of sellers empanelled on Government e-Marketplace (GeM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the process over and above the checking of identity through Aadhaar or PAN;
- (c) whether it is possible for any company to register themselves on the DGS&D GeM portal using identity of another person/company and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is also possible for any person to register multiple companies under different names and can manage lowest price order through own three companies to meet rule 149(II) of GFR and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

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- (a) The important information provided by the Sellers at the time of registration on GeM is being authenticated to MCA-21, Aadhaar and PAN Database. The Seller at the time of Registration agrees with the terms and conditions of GeM which includes integrity pact, undertaking about blacklisting by Government, submission of Performance Security above contract value of Rs.25 Lakhs and above and administrative actions for various defaults.
- (b) At the time of Registration of Sellers, the verification through MCA-21 is also undertaken besides Aadhaar and PAN verification.
- (c) The registration of a company on GeM is done by verification of PAN, MCA-21 and Aadhaar of authorized representative. All these details are unique to Company/Individual.
- (d) The registration is based on Aadhaar, MCA-21 and PAN. All these carry unique data. Therefore, an individual can register only one company. Further, it is stated in Rule 149(ii) of GFR-2017 that the comparison has to be among at least three different manufacturers on GeM.

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