

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 73
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

NATIONAL E-COMMERCE POLICY

*73. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to frame a National e-Commerce Policy (NEP) to deal with issues including competition, regulation, data privacy, taxation and technical aspects such as localisation of servers and technology transfer and if so, the details and the salient features thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has set up a task force to finalise the contours of the said policy and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the policy is likely to be implemented;
- (c) whether India is under intense pressure to negotiate international rules on e-commerce under the World Trade Organisation, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the companies operating taxi-aggregator services etc. are in violation of policy and if so, the details thereof along with the measures being taken to address the issue; and
- (e) whether the Government has incurred a major fiscal loss in the absence of any such NEP and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA
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“NATIONAL E-COMMERCE POLICY”.**

(a) & (b): Department of Commerce initiated an exercise and established a Think Tank on “Framework for National Policy on E-commerce” and a Task Force under it and has deliberated on the challenges confronting India in the arena of the digital economy and electronic commerce (e-commerce). Some of the issues that were discussed by the think tank included aspects of e-commerce and the digital economy like physical and digital infrastructure, the regulatory regime, taxation policy, data flows, server localisation, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), technology flows, skill development and trade-related aspects. The first meeting of the Think Tank was held on 24.04.2018; meeting of the subgroups was held during 20th-22nd June, 2018 and the first meeting of the Task Force was held on 6th July, 2018.

(c): Electronic Commerce at the World Trade Organization (WTO) is discussed under the 1998 Work Programme which has an exploratory and experience sharing focus. There was a strong push in the run up to the Eleventh Ministerial Conference (MC11) held from 10 to 13 December 2017 in Buenos Aires at the WTO to prematurely obtain a mandate to initiate comprehensive negotiations on all aspects of E-commerce, covering goods, services and intellectual property rights, without adequate deliberations to reach a common understanding. However, through the efforts of India and various countries at the MC11 of the WTO in December 2017, it was decided to, inter alia, continue with the non-negotiating mandate of the existing Work Programme on E-commerce.

A Joint Ministerial Statement (JMS) was issued on behalf of around seventy WTO members, supporting rule-making on E-commerce. Under this initiative, discussions are underway on several proposals tabled by the participants. India is not a member of the JMS initiative.

(d): The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has come out with the taxi policy guidelines in December 2016, in which they have proposed certain guidelines for taxi aggregators.

(e): Since 1998, WTO members have agreed not to impose custom duties on electronic transmission during the meetings held every two years. The moratorium has been extended periodically at the Ministerial Meetings which are held every two years.

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LOK SABHA
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CASHEW INDUSTRY

*76. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the cashew industry is in crisis and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government to save the cashew industry;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to change the export-import policy for cashew in the light of the crisis in the said industry and if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it has also come to the notice of the Government that the exporters who have cleared the import cargo with the help of advance authorisation license as per foreign trade policy are not able to fulfil their export obligations due to the crisis in the cashew industry;
- (d) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the details of the action taken by the Government to sanction the request of cashew industrialists to provide additional time limit of 18 months from the date of expiry of the current period of advance authorisation?

ANSWER

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STARRED QUESTION NO. 76 FOR ANSWER ON 23rd JULY, 2018 REGARDING
“CASHEW INDUSTRY”.**

(a) Cashew Industry in India has seen a positive growth in the production of raw cashew nuts and export of cashew kernel. Production of Raw Cashew nut during 2016-17 has registered 16% increase to 7,79,335 Metric Tons compared to previous production of 6,70,300 Metric Tons. Similarly, the export earnings from cashew and allied products during the year 2017-18 has reached at Rs.5903.60 crore (USD 916 million) registering a growth of 13.25% (in rupees terms) over the last year export of Rs.5,212.78 crores (US\$ 778 Million).

However, the Government has taken several steps to address the problems faced by some section cashew industry

- Basic Custom Duty on import of raw cashew nut has been reduced from 5% to 2.5% w.e.f 01.02.2018 in the current budget session.
- Goods and Service Tax (GST) has been reduced to 5% from 12% for Cashew nuts.
- Under Mid Term Review of Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) for cashew was increased to 5% (from 3%) for cashew kernel and 7% (from 5%) for cashew nut salted/roasted respectively.
- Revised Standard Inputs Output Norms (SION) norms for export of Cashew Kernel, from import of Raw Cashew Nut under Advance Authorisation Scheme, to 5.04 kg from 4 kg.
- Approved the Medium Term Framework (2017-2020) Scheme for Process Mechanization and Automation of Cashew Processing Units with financial outlay of Rs. 60 crore.
- Under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare (MoAFW) has drawn up strategies to increase domestic production by massive area expansion of cashew and replacing of senile cashew plantations with high yielding varieties in traditional and non-traditional states. Some of the key initiatives are New plantation Development programme, replanting programme of cashew, technology dissemination and transfer of technology programme etc.

b) No Madam. The Government has no such proposal at present.

c & d) No Madam, such incident has not been reported to the Government.

e) The Government has not received any request from the cashew industrialists to provide additional time limit of 18 months of export obligation period over and above the current time limit of 18 months.

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SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

*78. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

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

- (a) The details of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved/established in the country, State/UT-wise indicating those which are operational at present;
- (b) whether certain SEZs approved by the Government have not started functioning or are lying closed and if so, the details of such non-operational SEZs, State/UT and location-wise along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to make these SEZs functional along with the time-frame fixed in this regard; and
- (d) whether SEZs have facilitated exports in the manufacturing sector and if so, the details thereof along with the impact of SEZs on employment generation?

ANSWER

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STARRED QUESTION NO.78 FOR ANSWER ON 23rd JULY,2018 REGARDING
“SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES”.**

(a): In addition to Seven Central Government Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and 11 State/Private Sector SEZs set-up prior to the enactment of the SEZs Act, 2005, approvals have been accorded to 419 proposals for setting up of SEZs in the country. Presently, out of 355 notified SEZs a total of 223 SEZs are operational. States/UTs-wise details of SEZs is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is a long term process and delay in commencement of commercial operations of the SEZs is due to various reasons which include time taken in getting approvals from statutory/State Government bodies, adverse business climate due to global recession, changes in fiscal incentives, etc. The details of non-operational SEZs, State-wise and location-wise are at **Annexure-II**. When the Board of Approvals notices no progress in implementation of a project by a developer it cancels the Letter of Approval. In the last three years and during the current year, 108 letter of approvals have been cancelled due to lack of progress.

(c): The corrective steps taken by the Government to make these SEZs functional are as under:

- i. The Government periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZs.
- ii. Minimum Land Area requirement for setting up of new SEZs has been reduced to 50% for Multi-product and Sector-specific SEZs.
- iii. Sectoral broad-banding has been introduced to encompass similar / related areas under the same Sector.
- iv. Dual use of facilities like Social & Commercial infrastructure by SEZs and non-SEZs entities has been allowed in order to make SEZ operations more viable.
- v. State Governments have been advised to make their own Single Window Clearance mechanism more effective.
- vi. Review meetings with the Development Commissioners of SEZs are held regularly.

(d): Yes, SEZs have facilitated exports in the manufacturing sector. The details thereof along with the impact of SEZs on employment generation are as under:

Year	Exports of the SEZs in manufacturing sector (Rs. Crore)	Employment in SEZs* (persons)
2015-2016	2,14,501	15,91,381
2016-2017	2,37,502	17,31,641
2017-2018	2,67,801	19,77,216

* Calculated on cumulative basis.

State/UT-wise distribution of approved SEZs			
State/UT	Formal Approvals	Notified SEZs	Exporting SEZs (Central Govt. + State Govt./Pvt. SEZs + notified SEZs under the SEZ Act, 2005)
Andhra Pradesh	30	26	19
Chandigarh	2	2	2
Chhattisgarh	2	1	1
Delhi	2	0	0
Goa	7	3	0
Gujarat	28	24	19
Haryana	24	21	6
Jharkhand	1	1	0
Karnataka	62	51	28
Kerala	29	25	19
Madhya Pradesh	10	5	4
Maharashtra	56	50	29
Manipur	1	1	0
Nagaland	2	2	0
Odisha	7	5	4
Puducherry	1	0	0
Punjab	5	3	3
Rajasthan	5	4	2
Tamil Nadu	50	47	38
Telangana	64	58	30
Uttar Pradesh	24	21	12
West Bengal	7	5	7
GRAND TOTAL	419	355	223

Annexure-II

The details of non-operational SEZs, State-wise and location-wise			
Sl. No.	State wise Sl. No.	Name of the Developer	Location
		ANDHRA PRADESH	
1	1	Whitefield Paper Mills Ltd.	Tallapudi Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh
2	2	Beneficent Knowledge Parks and Properties Ltd.	Villages Parigi and Serikolum, Mandal Parigi, Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh
3	3	Anrak Aluminnium Ltd.	APIIC Industrial Park, Village G. Koduru, Mandal Makavarapallem, District Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
4	4	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(APIIC)	Villages Ratchumarripalli, Peddarangapuram and Venkatampalli, Mandal Pulivendula, District Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh
5	5	Indus Gene Expressions Limited	Village Kodur and Settepalli, Mandal Chilamathur, District Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh
6	6	CCL Products (India) Limited	Kuvakolli Village, Vardaiah Palem Mandal, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh
7	7	Wipro Limited	Resapuvanipalem Village, Old TB Hospital Area, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
8	8	Deccan Fine Chemicals (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Sy. No. 84-93 & 108, Kesavaram Village, Sy. 146, 149 & 150, Rajavaram Village, Payakaraopeta Mandal, Visakhapatnam, District, Andhra Pradesh
		GUJARAT	
9	1	CPL Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
10	2	Shivganga Real Estates Holders Private Limited	Sargasan (Sarkhej-Gandhinagar Highway), Taluka Gandhinagar, District Gandhinagar, Gujarat
11	3	J.B. SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Panoli, Taluka- Ankleshwar, District- Bharuch, Gujrat
12	4	Calica Construction and Impex Private Limied	Village Ognaj, Taluka Dascroi, District Ahmedabad, Gujarat
13	5	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	Gandhinagar - Sarkhej Highway, Gandhinagar, Gujarat
14	6	Myron Realtors Private Limited	Village Santhal, Taluka Sanand, District Ahmedabad,

			Gujarat
15	7	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	Biotech Park, Savli GIDC Estate Village Manjusar, District Vadodara, Gujarat
16	8	Dishman Infrastructure Limited	Villages Kalayangadh and Gangad, Taluks Bavla, District Ahmedabad, Gujarat
		GOA	
17	1	Meditab Specialities Private Limited	Bhut Kham, Kerim Industrial Estate, Taluka Ponda, Goa
18	2	Peninsula Pharma Research Centre Pvt. Ltd.	Sancoale Tal- Mormugao, Goa
19	3	K. Raheja Corp Pvt. Ltd.	Verna Industrial Area, Goa
		HARYANA	
20	1	Selecto Systems Pvt. Ltd.	15/1, Main Mathura Road, Faridabad, Haryana
21	2	Metro Valley Business Park Private Limited	Gurgaon – Faridabad Road, Opp. Ansals Valley View Apartments, Gurgaon, Haryana
22	3	Ascendant Estates Private Limited	Bhondsi, Tehsil Sohna, District Gurgaon, Haryana
23	4	Ansal Colours Engineering SEZ Limited	Village Bhagan, Tehsil- Ganaur (Sonapat) and Village Kurar Ibrahimpur, Tehsil- Sonapat, on National Highway, Haryana
24	5	Perpetual Infracon Private Limited	Sector -81, Villages Budena & Faridabad, District Faridabad, Haryana
25	6	Anant Raj Industries Ltd.	Plot No. TP-1, Rai, Sonapat District, Haryana
26	7	Mayar Infrastructure Development Pvt. Ltd.	Rahka and Nimoth Villages, Tehsil- Sohna, Gurgaon, Haryana
27	8	Mittal Infratech Private. Limited.	Sewah Village G T Road, Panipat District Haryana
28	9	G.P. Realtors Private Limited	Village Behrampur, District- Gurgaon, Haryana
29	10	Mikado Realtors Private Limited	Village Behrampur and Balola, District- Gurgaon, Haryana
30	11	Goldsouk International Gems & Jewellery SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Bhondsi, Tehsil- Sohna, Gurgaon, Haryana
31	12	G.P. Realtors Private Limited	Village Beharampur Balola and Bandhwari, Tehsil Sohna, District-Gurgaon, Haryana
32	13	Orient Craft Infrastructure Limited	Village Bans Hariya District Gurgaon, Haryana
33	14	Natasha Housing & Urban Development Limited	Village Sarai Kohand, Tehsil Panipat, District Panipat and Village Kohand, Tehsil Gharonda, Distict Karnal, Haryana

34	15	Metro Infocity Pvt. Ltd., Zamidar Realcom Pvt. Ltd. And Lavya Realtors Pvt. Ltd. (Jointly)	Village Behrampur & Balola, Tehsil Sohna, District Gurgaon, Haryana
		JHARKHAND	
35	1	Adityapur Industrial area development authority	Adityapur, District Seraikela-Kharsawan, Jharkhand
		KERALA	
36	1	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Village Eramam, Taluka Thaliparambu, District Kannur, Kerala
37	2	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Village Purakkad, Taluk Ambalappuzhe, Distt. Alappuzha, Kerala
38	3	Bluestar Realtors Private Limited	Village Thrikkakara North, Taluka Kanayannur, District Ernakulam, Kerala
39	4	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala	Village Andoorkonam, Taluk & District Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
40	5	Electronics Technology Parks	Village Pallippuram & Veiloor, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
41	6	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Village Cheemeni taluk Hosdurg Kasaragod Distt. Kerala
42	7	Parsvnath Infa Ltd	Chengamanad Village of Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala
		KARNATAKA	
43	1	Ittina Properties Pvt. Ltd.	Bagur village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka
44	2	Gopalan Enterprises (India) Private Limited.	Hoodi Village, K.R. Puram, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka.
45	3	Brigade Enterprises Pvt.Ltd.	Ganjimutt, EPIP Industrial Area, Taluka Mangalore, Dakshin Kannada District, Karnataka
46	4	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB)	Villages Pajeer and Kairangala, District Mangalore Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka.
47	5	Opto Infrastructure Limited	Village Dodda Basavanahalli and Chikkabasavanahalli, Talukas Shanthigrama Hobli and Hassan, District Hassan, Karnataka
48	6	Opto Infrastructure Limited	Village kallahalli, Taluka Nanjungud, District Mysore, Karnataka
49	7	Brooke Bond Real Estates Private Limited	Bangalore, Karnataka

50	8	Renaissance Designbuild Private Limited	Plot No. 47 of Koorgally Industrial Area, Village Koorgally, Hobli Ilawala, Taluka Mysore, Distt. Mysore, Karnataka
51	9	Infosys Technologies Limited	Villages Borgunte, surjapur and billapur, Taluka Anekal, District Bangalore, Karnataka
52	10	Gulf Oil Corporation Limited	Village Kattigenahalli and Venkata, Hobli Yelahanka, District Bangalore, Karnataka
53	11	Infosys Limited	Gokul Village, within the limits of Hobli, Hubli Taluk, District Dharward, Near Airport Hubli, Karnataka
54	12	Amin Properties LLP	Pujanahalli Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka
55	13	Saltire Developers Private Limited	Outer Ring Road, Rachanahalli Village, Nagavara, Bangalore, Karnataka
56	14	Bagmane Developers Pvt. Ltd.	Outer Ring Road, Doddanekundi Circle, Marathalli Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka
57	15	Information Technology Park Limited	Sadarmangala Village, Sadaramangala Industrial Area, Whitefield, Bengaluru, Karnataka
58	16	Infosys Limited	Electronic City, Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore, Karnataka
59	17	Modern Asset	Survey No. 2/1 & 2/2, Venkata Village, Yelahanka Hobli, , Bangalore, Karnataka
60	18	Modern Asset (Phase – II)	Survey No. 2/2, Venkata Village, Yelahanka Hobli, , Bangalore, Karnataka
61	19	L&T Construction Equipment Limited (Reality Division) SEZ-I	Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangaluru North, Bangaluru, Karnataka
62	20	L&T Construction Equipment Limited (Reality Division) SEZ-II	Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangaluru North, Bangaluru, Karnataka
63	21	Gopalan E-Park	Village Koorgalli, Itwala, Hobli, Mysore Taluk, Mysore District, Karnataka
64	22	Embassy Property Developments Private Limited	Outer Ring Road, Rachenahalli Village, Bangalore, Karnataka
65	23	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB)	Gamanagatti, Hubli Taluk, Dharwad District, Karnataka
		MAHARASHTRA	
66	1	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Dronagiri, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
67	2	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Ulwe, Taluka Panvelo, District Raigad,

			Maharashtra
68	3	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Ulwe, Taluka Panvelo, District Raigad, Maharashtra
69	4	Mahindra and Mahindra Limited	Village Owale, Ghodbunder Road, District Thane, Maharashtra
70	5	Inspira Infra (Aurangabad) Ltd.	Plot No. C-22, MIDC, Shendre Five Star Industrial Area, District- Aurangabad, Maharashtra
71	6	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
72	7	New Found Properties and Leasing Pvt. Ltd.	Trans Thane Creek Industrial Area, MIDC, Thane District, Maharashtra
73	8	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Kalamboli, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
74	9	Suyog Realtors Pvt. Ltd.	MIDC Industrial area, Butibori, Village- Rengapur, Taluka- Nagpur, Maharashtra
75	10	Kumar Builders Townshiop Ventures Pvt. Ltd.	Hinjewadi, Pune, Maharashtra
76	11	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Ulwe, Taluka Panvelo, District Raigad, Maharashtra
77	12	International Biotech Park Limited.	Village Mann, Taluka Mulshi-Hinjewadi, Destrict Pune, Maharastra
78	13	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Ulwe, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
79	14	Navi Mumbai SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Ulwe Node, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
80	15	Arshiya International Limited	Village Bori, Taluka Nagpur, District Nagpur, Maharashtra
81	16	SEZ Bio-Tech Services Pvt. Ltd.	Village Manajri Budruk, Taluka haveli, District Pune, Maharashtra
82	17	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT)	Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
83	18	DLF Info Park (Pune) Limited	Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Phase-II, Village Hinjewadi and Mann, Taluka Mulshi, District Pune Maharastra
84	19	EON Kharadi Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Khardi Village, Pune, Maharashtra
85	20	KRC Infrastructure and Projects Private Limited (Jointly)	Kharadi Village, Taluka –Haveli, District Pune, Maharashtra
86	21	Wipro Limited	Plot No. 2, MIDC, Phase – 1, Hinjewadi, Mulshi Taluka, District Pune, Maharashtra
87	22	Nalanda Shelter Pvt. Ltd.	Sr. No. 129(P), 130(P), 131(P), Near Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjewadi, Phase – 1, District Pune,

			Maharashtra
		MADHYA PRADESH	
88	1	Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation Limited	Ganga Malanpur Village, Tehsil and District Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.
89	2	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Village Bada Bangarda & Tigariya Badshah, Madhya Pradesh
		MANIPUR	
90	1	Manipur IT SEZ Project Development Company Ltd.	Imphal, Manipur
		NAGALAND	
91	1	Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Limited	Ganeshnagar Under Dhansiri Sub-Division, Dimapur District, Nagaland.
92	2	H.N. Company	Dimapur, Nagaland
		ODISHA	
93	1	Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited	Gopalpur, District- Ganjam, Odisha
		RAJASTHAN	
94	1	Somani Worsted Limited	Khushkera Industrial Area, Bhiwadi District, Rajasthan
95	2	RNB Infrastructure Private Limited	NH-15, Opp Khara Industrial Area, Bikaner, Rajasthan
96	3	Genpact Infrastructure (Jaipur) Private Limited	Village Jamdoli, Tehsil Jaipur, Rajasthan
		TAMIL NADU	
97	1	Foxconn India Developer Private Limited	Santhavelore-B, Chittur Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu
98	2	Kanai Techonology Parks Pvt. Ltd.	Podavur Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu
99	3	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu	Footwear Park, Irungattukottai, SIPCOT Industrial Park, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu
100	4	SNP Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Zamin Pallavaram Village, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu
101	5	RudradevTownship Private Limited	Solankurini Village, Madurai Taluk, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu
102	6	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu	Vadapalanji Village, Madurai South Taluk and Kinnimangalam Village, Tirumangalam Taluk,

		Limited (ELCOT)	Madurai II, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu
103	7	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT)	Jagir Ammapalayam Village, Salem Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu
104	8	Frontier Lifeline Pvt. Ltd.	Edur Village, Gummudipundi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu
105	9	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT)	Viswanathapuram Village, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu
106	10	Jay Gee Hitech Infraventures Pvt. Ltd	Vengadu and Pennalur Village, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu
107	11	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu	Uthangarai Taluk and Pochampalli Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu
108	12	Sterlite Industries (India) Limited	Village Therkku district Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu
109	13	V.V. Mineral	Thiruvambalapuram village, Radhapuram Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu
110	14	Perungudi Real Estates Private Limited	OMR Road, Perungudi, Chennai, Tamil Nadu
		TELANGANA	
111	1	Sanghi SEZ Private Limited	Village Koheda, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
112	2	Emaar Hills Township Private Limited	Manikonda Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
113	3	Brahmani Infratech Private Limited	Mamidipalli Village, Sarroornagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
114	4	Maytas Enterprises SEZ Private Limited	Gopanpally Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District Telangana
115	5	Rudradev Infopark Pvt. Ltd.	Kistapur & Antharam Villages, Chevella Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
116	6	Mahaveer Skyscrapers Limited	Chevella village, Besides Faraha Engineering College, Ranga Reddy District Telangana
117	7	Information Technology and Communication Department (IT and C), Government of Andhra Pradesh through Hyderabad Urban Development Authority (HUDA)	Kokapet Village, Serilingampalli Mandal, Ranga Reddy District Telangana
118	8	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(TSIIC)	Karkapatla Village, Mulugu Mandal, Medak District, Telangana
119	9	V. R. Enterprises	Ananthasagar Village, Hasanparthy Mandal, Warangal District, Telangana

120	10	Genpact India Business Processing Private Limited	Jawaharnagar Village, Shameerpet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana
121	11	Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.	Survey No. 255, Adibatla Village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
122	12	Parsvnath SEZ Limited	Phase - III, Biotechnology Park, Village Karkapatla, Mandal Mulugu, District Medak, Telangana
123	13	Aqua Space Developers Pvt. Ltd.	Raidurg Panmaktha village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
124	14	Cognizant Technologies Services Private Limited	Nanakramguda village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
125	15	Laxmi Infobahn Pvt. Ltd.	Kokapet Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Telangana
126	16	Phoenix Embassy Tech Zone Private Limited	Nanakramguda Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
127	17	Vaxenic India Private Limited	Kolthur village, Shameerpet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
128	18	Phoenix Embassy Tech Zone Private Limited	Nanakramguda Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
129	19	Phoenix Embassy Tech Zone Private Limited	Manikonda Village, Rajendra Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
130	20	GAR Corporation Private Limited	Kokapet Village, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
131	21	GAR Corporation Private Limited	Kokapet Village, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
132	22	BSR Builders LLP	Nanakramguda Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
133	23	Phoenix IT City Private Limited	Gachibowli Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
134	24	Phoenix Spaces Private Limited	Puppalaguda Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
135	25	Phoenix Spaces Private Limited	Survey No. 285, Puppalaguda Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana
136	26	Phoenix Living Spaces Private Limited	Ameenpur Village, Patancheru Mandal, Medak District, Telangana
137	27	Phoenix Ventures Private Limited	Gachibowli Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy, Telangana
138	28	Devbhumi Realtors Private Limited	Raidurg, Panmakththa Village, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana

		UTTAR PRADESH	
139	1	OSE Infrastructure Limited	Plot No. C-001, Sector- 67, Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar District, Uttar Pradesh
140	2	Unitech Infra Con Limited	Plot No. TZ-04, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
141	3	Perfect IT SEZ Private Limited	Plot No. 6, Sector- 144, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
142	4	Unitech Hi-tech Projects Private Limited	Plot No. 1, Sector- 144, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
143	5	Gallant Infrastructure Private Limited	Plot No. 202, Sector Knowledge Park- V, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
144	6	Jubilant Infracon Pvt. Limited	Plot No. 3, Sector -140 A, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
145	7	Golden Tower Infratech Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 8, Sector-144, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
146	8	Hari Fertilizers Limited	Pargana-Ralhupur, Tehsil and District Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh
147	9	Infosys Limited	Sector -85, Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh
148	10	UP State Industrial Development Corporation (UPSIDC)	Lalpur-Gangwari Village, Tehsil-Bilari, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
149	11	UP State Industrial Development Corporation (UPSIDC)	Lalpur-Gangwari Village, Tehsil-Bilari, District Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh
		WEST BENGAL	
150	1	Bengal Shriram Hi-tech City Private Limited	Uttarpara, Kalkata, West Bengal

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 704
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

GROWTH OF E-COMMERCE SECTOR

704. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

- (a) whether the e-commerce sector in India is poised for exponential growth in the country in the coming years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether of late the Ministry has given clearance to any International e-commerce company to invest in India in online retail market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, companywise;
- (d) whether the advent of foreign investors would affect the Indian origin e-retail companies and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Ministry has opened up the retail e-commerce market for FDI in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the corrective steps taken by the Government to protect Indian interests in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): As per the Economic Survey 2017-18, the electronic commerce (e-commerce) market in India is estimated at US \$33 billion with a 19.1 percent growth rate in 2016-17. As per the National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) Strategic Review 2018 in the Information Technology and Business Process Management (IT-BPM) sector in India, the Indian e-commerce market was USD 33 billion in 2017 and reached USD 38.5 billion, growing at a rate of about 17% in the financial year 2018.

(b), (c), (d) & (e): The extant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy permits 100% foreign investment under the automatic route in companies engaged in e-commerce provided that such companies engage only in Business to Business (B2B) e-commerce. Further, as per Guidelines for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) on e-commerce, 100% FDI under automatic route is permitted in marketplace model of e-commerce but FDI is not permitted in inventory based model of e-commerce. Moreover, an entity is permitted to undertake retail trading

through e-commerce under the following circumstances, subject to conditionalities listed in the FDI policy:

- (i) A manufacturer is permitted to sell its products manufactured in India through e-commerce retail.
- (ii) A single brand retail trading entity operating through brick and mortar stores, is permitted to undertake retail trading through e-commerce.

(f):FDI in retail has been allowed in a calibrated manner after having intensive consultations with stakeholders including concerned Ministries/ Departments, State Governments, apex industry chambers, Associations and other organizations taking into consideration their views/comments.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 706
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

IMPORT OF GOLD AND OTHER COMMODITIES

706. SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the import of the gold and other commodities has declined in the recent years;
- (b) if so, the details of the import of gold and other commodities during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has introduced various measures to restrict the import of gold and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the said measures are yielding desired results and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): India's import of gold and gold & other precious metal jewellery has increased by 22.31% and 727.51% respectively during the year 2017-18 over the year 2016-17. The details of import of gold and gold & other precious metal jewellery during last three years and the current year are as below:

(Value in US\$ millions)

Years	Gold	% Change	Gold & other precious metal jewellery	% Change
2015-16	31770.74	--	706.37	--
2016-17	27518.03	-13.39	381.63	-45.97
2017-18	33657.21	22.31	3158.05	727.51
2017-18 (Apr-May)	8811.89	--	126.21	--
2018-19 (Apr-May)*	6058.28	-31.25	120.79	-4.29

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

(c) & (d): The Government has introduced the following measures to restrict the import of gold in the country:

- (i) Imposition of restriction on duty free gold imports from the South Korea as allowed under the existing India-Korea CEPA.
- (ii) Imposition of self-use condition on Premiere Trading House/Star Trading House authorised to import precious metal (gold) directly from overseas bullion supplier (DGFT Notification No. 34/2015-20 dated 18.10.2017).
- (iii) Issuances of Trade Notice by DGFT for grant of licence for import of Gold to the refinery who holds a valid license from BIS (DGFT Trade Notices No.4 dated 21.04.2017 and No. 14 dated 24.08.2017).
- (iv) Restriction imposed on export of gold jewellery and articles, including medallions and coins (excluding legal tenders) of purity above 22 carats. (DGFT Notification No. 21/2015-20 dated 14.08.2017).

The above measures have yielded the desired results with 31.25% reduction in the import of gold and 4.29% reduction in import of gold & other precious metal jewellery during the current year (Apr-May 2018) over the corresponding period of the previous year, as indicated in the foregoing table.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 723
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

TEA EXPORTS

723. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the tea exports during 2017-18 have touched an all time high of 256.6 million kg as compared to 227.63 million kg in the previous fiscal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is true that export realization in the last financial was US\$ 785.92 million and in 2016-17, export realization was US\$ 95.19 million lower; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the efforts being made to boost the export of tea?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The year 2017-18 has seen a record export of tea from India at 256.57 Million Kgs., the highest quantity ever exported in the last 36 years, as compared to 227.63 Million Kgs during 2016-17. The increase in export is attributed to lesser supply of CTC teas by Kenya to the important CTC tea markets of Egypt, Pakistan, China, UAE and Poland.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. During 2017-18 the total value realisation on tea exports was US\$ 785.92 million and export realisation during 2016-17 was lower by US\$ 95.19. The increase during 2017-18 is attributed to higher volume of export by 28.94 Million Kg. as well as the slightly higher unit price realisation by 3 cents per Kg.

It has been a continuous endeavour of Tea Board and the tea industry to strategize ways and means to increase export. In order to increase share of Indian tea in the international market, focused and sustained initiatives such as arranging buyer-seller meets, effecting exchange of delegations, participating in international trade fairs and undertaking generic promotion of Indian Brands in key markets are taken up by the Tea Board.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 732
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

TRADE FACILITATION PACT ON SERVICES

732. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has pitched for inclusion of the trade facilitation pact on services in the World Trade Organisation (WTO);
- (b) whether this would help to promote growth of global economy and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is working on trade facilitation in the services sector at WTO; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): Yes, madam. India tabled the “Concept Note for an initiative on Trade Facilitation in Services” at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) on 6th October, 2016 with the objective to briefly outline the concept of a Trade Facilitation Agreement for Services (TFS Agreement). This was followed up with a proposal dated 14th November, 2016 on “Possible Elements of a Trade Facilitation in Services Agreement” which outlines the possible elements of the TFS Agreement, as conceived by India, in a more detailed manner.

On 22nd February, 2017, India tabled a draft legal text on Trade Facilitation in Services at the WTO to facilitate discussions among WTO members and to take forward this agenda. Subsequently, based on the comments received from members, India tabled a revised draft text on TFS for consideration of members on 27th July, 2017.

India believes that an Agreement on Trade Facilitation in Services can result in reduction of transaction costs associated with unnecessary regulatory and administrative burdens on cross-border movement of services. India’s proposal for an Agreement on TFS is to

comprehensively address the numerous border and behind-the-border barriers impeding trade in services across all modes of supply, which could significantly enhance the potential for trade in services for all WTO Members.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 733
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POLICY

733. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to put out a draft Agricultural Export Policy for comments from the public which aims to boost shipments of farm items by identifying niche products and new markets; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this regard along with the response received and implemented so far?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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- (a & b) The Government had put draft Agriculture Export Policy in public domain for suggestions / comments. A large number of suggestions / comments have been received. The Government is in the process of finalizing the Agriculture Export Policy taking into account the comments / suggestions received from different quarters.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR EXPORT PROMOTION

736(H). SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) the details of schemes and the incentives being given to promote the exports;
- (b) whether the Government provides any assistance/facilities to States for development and promotion of export;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the assistance provided to States during each of the last three years and the current year including the details of State agencies implementing the same; and
- (d) whether the Government has paid attention towards the problems faced by the exporters in availing these facilities and if so, the details of complaints registered in this regard and the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, the Government of India has provisions under which incentives and schemes to promote exports. The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) incentivizes exporters in terms of Duty Credit Scrips at the rate 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7% of realized FOB value of exports. These scrips are transferable and can be used to pay certain Central Duties/taxes including customs duties, but not IGST/CGST/SGST. The Scheme covers approx 8052 tariff lines at 8 digits level. During the mid-term review of Foreign Trade Policy, export incentives under Merchandise Exports from India (MEIS) have been increased by 2% for labour intensive and MSME sectors leading to additional annual incentive of Rs 4,567 crore. This was in addition to already announced increase in MEIS incentives from 2% to 4% for Ready-made Garments and Made Ups in the labour intensive Textiles Sector with an additional annual incentive of Rs 2,743 crore. Recently, the rates for MEIS incentives for soya products, milk products and onions were enhanced and certain new products from the milk sector were added under the MEIS. Under the Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) rewards on Net foreign exchange earnings, to service providers of notified services who are providing service from India to the rest of the World, in the form of Duty Credit scrips are provided which are utilizable just like MEIS. In the Mid-term review of the FTP, the rates for all these services have

been further increased by 2% for exports from 01.11.2017, leading to additional annual incentive of Rs 1,140 crore. Under the Advance Authorization and related schemes, the importer of a raw material is provided the facility of importing raw materials without payment of duty, provided the imported material is used for manufacturing export products. Under the Export promotion Capital Goods Scheme (EPCG), the exporters are allowed to import duty free capital goods, which can be used for pre-production, production and post production stages of the manufacture of export product and services provided, they commit to fulfill an export obligation equal to six times of the duty saved in six years.

(b) & (c) The Regional Authorities of DGFT have been given additional mandate for enhanced engagement with State Governments on behalf of Department of Commerce. The Commerce Secretary has written to Chief Secretaries of all State Governments / UTs, requesting the State Governments to constitute a State Export Promotion Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretaries for focusing on export promotion. The Regional Authorities of DGFT are working with the State Governments in implementation/ monitoring of State Export Policy, identifying/addressing the gaps in trade related infrastructure and logistics and to facilitate the engagement of exporters with the State Governments.

Further, the Department of Commerce implements a scheme namely Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES). The scheme was launched during BE 2017-18, for 3 years, with the objective to enhance export competitiveness by bridging gaps in export infrastructure, creating export focused infrastructure, inducing states to take up more export-oriented projects including those required for addressing quality and certification concerns. It provides financial 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, cold chains, trade promotion centres, dry ports, export warehousing and packaging, SEZs and ports/airports cargo terminuses. In 2015-16 and 2016-17, ASIDE (Assistance to States for Infrastructure for Exports) was present under which such funds were granted. List of projects approved under TIES and ASIDE during last three years and the current year are in the Annexure I

(d) Yes Madam, the Government has multiple platforms on which the exporters can submit their problems for quick redressal. The contact us @DGFT service has been made functional wherein exporters are submitting their problems and a ticket is raised. This ticket is closed after resolution of the problem. Similarly, the Ministry has a Grievance cell, which monitors the effective disposal of such grievances. Additionally, in June 2018, all the major regional offices of DGFT has conducted Export obligation discharge camps to dispose pending applications and resolve issues of exporters.

Annexure-I

Project approved under TIES during FY 2017-18

S. No.	Name of Agency	Name of Project	Total Project Cost (in Rs. Crore)	TIES fund approved (in Rs. Crore)	1 st instalment released
1.	Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation (KFDC), Govt. of Karnataka	Modernization of infrastructure facility for Marine Exports at Tadadi, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District, Karnataka	13.34	5.00	Rs. 2 Cr.
2.	Visvesvaraya Trade Promotion Centre (VTPC), Bengaluru, Govt. of Karnataka	Establishment of 'Coastal Cashew Research & Development Foundation, Kumta", District Uttara Kannada, Karnataka	9.55	3.31	Rs. 1 Cr.
3.	Cochin SEZ	Construction of SDF Building at Cochin SEZ, Kerala	61.63	20.00	Rs. 6.50 Cr.
4.	Airport Authority of India (AAI)	Establishment of Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT) at Imphal International Airport, Imphal, Manipur	16.20	11.92	Rs. 6 Cr.
5.	Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone Ltd (AMTZ)	Common Scientific Facilities in AMTZ, Andhra Pradesh	168.87	40.00	Rs. 4.0 Cr.
6.	HLL Medipark Ltd.	Setting up of EMI/EMC Lab for Medical Technology at Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu	21.07	9.56	Rs. 4.78 Cr.
7.	Tamilnadu Trade Promotion Organisation (TNTPO)	Expansion of Chennai Trade Centre Tamil Nadu	288.16	20.00	Rs. 10.00 Cr.
8.(i)	M.P. State Tourism Development Corporation, Govt. of M.P	'Establishment of Trade Promotion Centre at Minto Hall, Bhopal'	49.39	17.67	Rs. 9.00 Cr. (1 st instal)
8(ii)		Madhya Pradesh			Rs. 8.67 Cr. (2 nd instal)
9.	Coffee Board	Establishment of 'Laboratory Infrastructure for Coffee Quality & Export Certification, Bangalore	11.40	5.70	Rs. 2.85 Cr.
10.	Noida SEZ Authority	Establishment of Solid Waste Management System at Noida SEZ	4.25	2.13	Rs. 1.07 Cr.

11	Export Inspection Council	Establishment the facility for analysis of origin and authenticity of various food products, Mumbai	8.10	3.04	Rs. 1.52 Cr
12.	Tripura Industrial Development Corporation Ltd.	Upgradation of Infrastructure at LCS Muhurighat, Belonia, South Tripura	16.85	12.29	Rs. 6.15 Cr
13	Export Inspection Council	<i>Construction of office cum laboratory complex of Export Inspection Agency at Vishakapatnam</i>	16.52	8.15	Rs. 4.15 Cr.
14.	M.P. Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam (Indore), Limited	establishment of Cold Chain at Pithampur, SEZ Phase II, Madhya Pradesh	32.16	16.08	Rs. 8.04 Cr.
15.	Land Ports Authority of India	Development of Integrated Check Post Petrapole: Proposal for construction of additional truck parking'	32.24	13.66	Rs. 4.27 Cr. (1 st tranche of 1 st instalment)
TOTAL					Rs. 80 Cr.

Project approved under TIES during FY 2018-19

S. No.	Name of Agency	Name of Project	Total Project Cost (in Rs. Crore)	TIES fund approved (in Rs. Crore)	1 st /2 nd instalment released
1.	Land Ports Authority of India	Development of Integrated Check Post Petrapole: Proposal for construction of additional truck parking'	32.24	13.66	Rs. 2.56 Cr. (2 nd tranche of 1 st instalment)
2.	Andhra Pradesh Med tech Zone Ltd (AMTZ)	Common Scientific Facilities in AMTZ, Andhra Pradesh	168.87	40.00	Rs. 9.0 Cr. (2 nd instalment)

TOTAL amount released under TIES during FY 2018-19 = Rs. 11.56cr.

ASIDE Central Component (F.Y. 2015-16)			
			(Rs. in Cr.)
S. No.	Agency concerned	Name of the Project	Fund Released
1	Chennai Port Trust	Development of Construction of Exim Godown at Chennai Port Trust, Tamil Nadu	3.75
2	Cochin Port Trust	Modification of Container Freight Station at CPT, Kerala	2.02
3	Cochin SEZ	Construction of New Warehouse, Kerala	2.38
4	Govt. of Manipur	Establishment of Trade cum Permanent Exhibition Centre at Lambai-Khongnangkong, Imphal West District, Manipur	7.49
5	HLL Lifecare Ltd.	EMI/EMC Testing lab for medical equipments in HLL campus, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	2.00
6	Kandla SEZ	Dismantling and reconstruction of 16 CIB sheds, Gujarat	1.14
7	Kandla SEZ	Construction of One No. SDF Building Unit-VII, Gujarat	8.24
8	Kandla SEZ	Construction of One No. SDF Building Unit-VI, Gujarat	4.98
9	Mormugao Port Trust	Development of Storage Areas for Containers at Mormugao Port, Goa	3.00
10	New Mangalore Port Trust	Construction of Business Development Park, Karnataka	7.50
11	Spices Board, Kochi	Establishment of Quality Evaluation Laboratory for Spices at MIDC Area, Navi Mumbai. Maharashtra	7.50
		TOTAL	50.00

ASIDE-Central Component (F.Y. 2016-17)

(Rs. in Cr.)

S. No.	Agency	Name of the Project	Fund Released
1	VTPC, Karnataka	Export Infrastructure facility to exports of perishable cargo and cold chain at Kempegowda International Airport, Bangalore. Karnataka	5.00
2	HPSIDC, Himachal Pradesh	Container Parking Facility at BaddiBarotiwala, HP	3.33
3	CLE, Chennai	Creation of Additional Capacity of ZLD System in VISHTEC-CETP., Tamil Nadu	2.30
4	TIDC, Tripura	Upgradation of Manughat LCS, Tripura	3.30
5	SEEPZ	Electronic Surveillance System ... CCTV Camera, Maharashtra	1.05
6	SEEPZ	Security system , Control System with integration CCTV Cameras', Maharashtra	1.25
7	KSEZ	Dismantling and reconstruction of 16 CIB sheds', Gujarat	3.99
8	HPSIDC, Himachal Pradesh	Ware House Project for exporting units located in Baddi-Barotiwala, Nalagarh, HP.	4.50
9	Spices Board	Eliminating Export Rejections due to Microbiological Contamination in Indian Spice Export, Kerala	5.35
10	NICS	Development of System for online submission and processing of application	03089
11	HLL	EMI/EMC Testing lab for medical equipment's in HLL campus, Noida.	12.00
12	SEEPZ	Construction of a new SDF Tower in SEEPZ SEZ near Plot A-1, Maharashtra	9.945
13	Spices Board, Kochi	Setting up of Quality Evaluation Laboratoty cum Training Centre, Kolkata, W.B.	2.1247
14	Cochin Port Trust	Construction of a barge berth for handling bunkers in Cochin Port, Kerala	0.8813
15	CLE	Establishment of Trade Centre at Agra (Uttar Pradesh)	1.3505
16	Mormugao Port Trust	Development of Storage Areas for Containers at Mormugao Port, Goa	4.00
17	IIPM	Establishing Spices Exporters Entrepreneurship facility, Bangalore, Karnataka	4.3196
		TOTAL	65.00

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 750
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

PROJECTS UNDER TIES

750. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA

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

- (a) the State-wise number of project approvals under the Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES);
- (b) the State-wise grant-in-aid sanctioned under TIES;
- (c) the State-wise increase in exports since implementation of TIES;
- (d) the total increase in exports since implementation of TIES; and
- (e) the overview of the kind of projects sanctioned under the scheme?

ANSWER

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- (a)&(b) Madam. Under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), so far, 15 projects have been approved. State-wise number of projects along with grant-in-aid approved and released to States / Central Agencies is at Annexure-1.
- (c)&(d) The increase in export cannot be attributed to these projects yet, as they are at the implementation stage.
- (e) Various projects like establishment of Integrated Cargo Terminal (ICT), Integrated Check Post (ICP), Standard Design Factory (SDF), Common Scientific facilities Laboratories, Trade Promotion Centres etc. have been sanctioned under the scheme

Annexure-1**Details of projects approved under TIES****(Rs. in Crore)**

S. No	Name of State	Number of Project	TIES fund approved	TIES fund Released
1.	Karnataka	3	14.01	5.85
2.	Kerala	1	20.00	6.50
3.	Manipur	1	11.92	6.00
4.	Andhra Pradesh	2	48.15	17.15
5.	Tamil Nadu	2	29.56	14.78
6.	Madhya Pradesh	2	33.75	25.71
7.	Uttar Pradesh	1	2.13	1.07
8.	Tripura	1	12.29	6.15
9.	West Bengal	1	13.66	6.83
10.	Maharashtra	1	3.04	1.52
	TOTAL	15	188.51	91.56

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 752
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

FUNCTIONING OF PSUs UNDER THE MINISTRY

752. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

- (a) the details of the major schemes that aim at improving the functioning of various PSUs under the Ministry;
- (b) whether there has been any evaluation of these PSUs and their working since when they came into existence;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of allocations which have been made to each PSU in the last five years; and
- (e) the details of the said allocations which have been spent, unspent and the reasons for unspent allocations during the said period?

ANSWER

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- (a) There is no such scheme for PSUs under the Ministry.
- (b) Yes, Madam. The performance of PSUs is evaluated on the basis of targets fixed in annual MoU by Administrative Ministry/Department in consultation with DPE.
- (c) The details of MoU rating given by DPE may please be seen at 'Annexure-I'
- (d) Government has not provided any budget/financial support to PSUs under Ministry of Commerce & Industry in last 5 years except to ECGC and ITPO.
- (e) Details of financial support given to ECGC and ITPO is given at 'Annexure-II'.

MoU Evaluation of PSUs for the last three years

S.No.	NAME OF PSU	YEAR	RATING
1.	MMTC	2014-15	Very Good
		2015-16	Very Good
		2016-17	Very Good
2.	STC	2014-15	Good
		2015-16	Good
		2016-17	Poor
3.	PEC	2014-15	Good
		2015-16	Good
		2016-17	Fair
4.	ECGC	2014-15	Very Good
		2015-16	Very Good
		2016-17	Very Good
5.	ITPO	2014-15	Excellent
		2015-16	Very Good
		2016-17	Very Good
6.	KTPO	2014-15	Excellent
		2015-16	Excellent
		2016-17	Fair
7.	TNTPO	2014-15	Very Good
		2015-16	Good
		2016-17	Poor

Details of Grants for fairs organised by ITPO			
Rs. In Lakh			
Scheme	Sanctioned *	Utilised and released**	Funds Unutilised and not to be released by DOC***
Year	2017-18		
MDA	-	-	-
MAI	1732.57	1311.95 (unaudited)	420.62 (unaudited)
Year	2016-17		
MDA	-	-	-
MAI	865.00	598.23	266.77
Year	2015-16		
MDA	66.93	66.93	0.00
MAI	805.00	584.59	220.41
Year	2014-15		
MDA	135.00	96.30	38.70
MAI	529.50	373.11	156.39
Year	2013-14		
MDA	152.00	94.16	57.84
MAI	412.00	335.26	76.74
Note:			
*	Amounts sanctioned in principle by DOC at the beginning of the year on estimated area of participation, etc by ITPO.		
**	Amounts released by DOC on basis of actual participation and audited accounts		
***	MAI grant is released on basis of target of participation fixed. The grant is reduced proportionately in case the participation is lesser than the target fixed.		

Details of Capital Allocation to ECGC has been made during the last five years.

Financial Year	Rs. In Crore
2013-14	100.00
2014-15	100.00
2015-16	100.00
2016-17	150.00
2017-18	50.00
Total	500.00
Note:	
Allocations during last five years have been utilized	

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 755
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IMPORT OF INDIAN BUFFALO MEAT BY CHINA

755. DR. UDIT RAJ:

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

- (a) whether China has now decided to import buffalo meat directly from India, revising its earlier procurement through Vietnam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Chinese officials have conducted inspection of over 18 abattoirs in India processing buffalo meat to global standards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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(a) & (b) No, Madam. China has signed veterinary protocol for import of bovine meat with India in May, 2013. However, the protocol has not been implemented till date. The Chinese authorities have suggested for creation of FMD (Foot and Mouth Disease) free zones as per OIE (Office International des Epizooties) guidelines to consider bovine meat import from India.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. The AQSIQ (Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine) inspection team from China visited India during 12th – 22nd October, 2015 to verify the FMD control programme of India. The Chinese expert team visited Directorate of FMD control program at Mukteshwar, Animal Quarantine station at New Delhi and held discussions with Department of Animal Husbandry of Punjab and Telengana besides inspection of FMD Vaccine production unit and laboratory in Bengaluru & few integrated meat processing plants in Hyderabad and Punjab.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 756
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

PRODUCTION AND IMPORT OF NATURAL RUBBER

756. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the Rubber Board of India has downpegged forecast of natural rubber production for 2018-19 about 70,000 tonne lower than what was originally estimated for 2017-18;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the import of natural rubber was usually higher due to favourable price situation, increase in consumption and less than expected production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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(a) & (b): Yes Madam. Natural Rubber (NR) production forecast for 2017-18 was 800,000 tonnes. However, NR production forecast for 2018-19 is 730,000 tonnes which is 70,000 tonnes lower than 2017-18. These projections are made on the basis of matured rubber area under tapping, productivity and production trend during the near past which are determined mainly by price of rubber.

From 2015-16 to 2016-17, price of rubber increased by 20% and production improved by 23%. As the trend was expected to be continued, NR production projection for 2017-18 was fixed at 800,000 tonnes which was 16% higher than the actual production of 2016-17. The projection of NR production in 2018-19 was brought down to 730,000 tonnes in view of the actual production of NR in 2016-17 being 691,000 tonnes, decline in price of rubber by 4% in 2017-18 as against 2016-17, expected low prices of rubber in 2018-19 internationally and no sizable increase in mature area under rubber.

(c) & (d): The import of NR is dependent on the production of NR in the country, consumption by rubber product manufacturers and by the international prices. The production of NR declined from 774,000 tonnes in 2013-14 to 694,000 tonnes in 2017-

18. Meanwhile, consumption of NR increased from 981,520 tonnes in 2013-14 to 1111,210 tonnes in 2017-18. In this context, NR import increased from 360,263 tonnes in 2013-14 to 469,760 tonnes in 2017-18.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 763
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

SETTING UP OF TRADE FAIR COMPLEXES

763. SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up new trade fair complexes in various States of the country particularly in North Eastern States including Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposed complexes are likely to be set up by the Government?

ANSWER

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- (a) & (b) There is no proposal from Central/State Government Agencies, presently under consideration, for setting up of trade fair complexes in various States including the North Eastern States including Assam.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 764 (H)
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SEZ POLICY

764(H). SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) the salient features of the existing policy for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to revise the laws/provisions regarding the existing SEZs policy or review this policy; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a): The Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy was launched in April, 2000. The Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, was passed by Parliament in May, 2005 which received Presidential assent on the 23rd of June, 2005. The SEZs Rules, 2006 came into effect on 10th February, 2006. The salient features of the SEZ scheme are:-

- (i) A designated duty free enclave to be treated as a territory outside the customs territory of India for the purpose of authorised operations in the SEZ;
- (ii) No licence required for import;
- (iii) Manufacturing or service activities allowed;
- (iv) The Unit shall achieve Positive Net Foreign Exchange to be calculated cumulatively for a period of five years from the commencement of production;
- (v) Domestic sales subject to full customs duty and import policy in force;
- (vi) Full freedom for subcontracting;
- (vii) No routine examination by customs authorities of export/import cargo;
- (viii) SEZ Developers /Co-Developers and Units enjoy Direct Tax and Indirect Tax benefits as prescribed in the SEZs Act, 2005.

(b) and (c): Yes Madam, the Government has constituted a group on 4th June, 2018 to study necessary changes in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy. The group is required to submit its report within 3 months from the date of constitution.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 769(H)
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IMPORT-EXPORT DATA

769(H). SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the import/export data of last five years and the current year has been collected by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of imports and exports made with various countries during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the effective measures taken by the Government so far to downsize the import of various items in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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(a): Yes Madam, the merchandise import-export data of last five years and the current year have been collected by the Government, the details of which are given below:

(Value in US\$ billions)

Years	Export	% Change	Import	% Change
2013-14	314.42	--	450.21	--
2014-15	310.35	-1.29	448.03	-0.48
2015-16	262.29	-15.49	381.01	-14.96
2016-17	275.85	5.17	384.36	0.88
2017-18	303.38	9.98	465.58	21.13
2017-18 (Apr-June)	72.21	--	112.26	--
2018-19 (Apr-June)*	82.47	14.21	127.41	13.49

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (*: Quick Estimates)

(b): India's import from top 25 countries/SAR for last three years and the current year are given as follows:

(Value in US\$ millions)

S.No.	Country	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Apr-May)*
1	China P Rp	61707.95	61283.03	76271.72	10997.57
2	U S A	21781.39	22307.44	26611.13	5401.14
3	U Arab Emts	19445.68	21509.83	21739.96	4769.42
4	Iraq	10837.58	11707.94	17615.81	4020.89
5	Saudi Arab	20321.33	19972.40	22069.96	3932.57
6	Switzerland	19299.49	17248.68	18923.07	3407.29
7	Iran	6278.75	10506.51	11111.52	3069.24
8	Hong Kong	6051.66	8204.18	10676.09	2588.99
9	Singapore	7308.38	7086.57	7466.99	2553.14
10	Korea Rp	13047.12	12585.35	16361.76	2543.68
11	Germany	12088.37	11583.67	13295.71	2318.97
12	Indonesia	13131.93	13427.99	16438.80	2270.26
13	Australia	8898.78	11154.48	13993.75	2247.13
14	Japan	9850.22	9754.64	10973.48	2140.88
15	Malaysia	9083.83	8933.59	9011.58	2024.10
16	Belgium	8256.06	6624.63	5993.42	1892.52
17	U K	5192.54	3664.96	4807.18	1474.04
18	Qatar	9022.16	7646.22	8409.08	1465.44
19	Nigeria	9949.17	7659.48	9501.33	1387.20
20	Thailand	5510.16	5415.40	7134.55	1314.97
21	Vietnam Soc Rep	2560.39	3320.56	5018.55	1246.83
22	Kuwait	4969.69	4462.28	7165.70	1186.41
23	Venezuela	5701.81	5512.06	5866.37	1152.00
24	Russia	4584.98	5552.30	8573.46	1110.94
25	South Africa	5948.42	5833.75	6834.71	1105.44
Total import from above		300827.84	302957.95	361865.71	67621.10
% Share of above		78.96	78.82	77.72	81.41
India's total import		381007.76	384357.03	465578.28	83062.80

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

India's export to top 25 countries/SAR for last three years and the current year are given as follows:

(Value in US\$ millions)

S.No.	Country	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (Apr-May)*
1	U S A	40340.03	42216.48	47882.55	8736.18
2	U Arab Emts	30316.50	31175.50	28145.64	6117.88
3	China P Rp	9014.55	10172.41	13337.67	2647.15
4	Hong Kong	12092.28	14047.24	14690.27	1875.15
5	Singapore	7719.97	9564.67	10202.24	1831.70
6	Netherland	4727.39	5071.22	6263.27	1556.16
7	Germany	7094.55	7183.86	8689.24	1468.27
8	U K	8857.77	8551.14	9712.59	1453.35
9	Bangladesh Pr	6034.96	6820.13	8460.34	1420.35
10	Nepal	3902.70	5453.59	6597.09	1297.60
11	Belgium	5027.65	5656.92	6206.92	1244.87
12	Vietnam Soc Rep	5265.99	6786.56	7813.08	1221.69
13	Turkey	4140.01	4626.59	5090.70	1076.29
14	Saudi Arab	6381.72	5110.28	5410.70	971.95
15	Italy	4218.21	4902.70	5710.27	934.11
16	Malaysia	3706.88	5224.88	5700.12	921.16
17	South Africa	3588.08	3545.97	3825.22	873.68
18	France	4633.77	5250.27	4901.61	845.64
19	Korea Rp	3524.51	4242.56	4462.14	836.59
20	Japan	4663.09	3845.82	4734.75	726.60
21	Indonesia	2819.49	3488.16	3965.56	713.79
22	Mexico	2865.13	3460.98	3782.79	705.26
23	Thailand	2987.86	3133.44	3653.66	685.35
24	Spain	3237.46	3426.13	3996.15	684.55
25	Sri Lanka DSR	5310.75	3913.15	4476.33	676.25
Total export to above		192471.27	206870.66	227710.90	41521.57
% Share of above		73.38	74.99	75.06	75.71
India's total export		262291.09	275852.43	303376.22	54841.29

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

(c): The Government has taken the following major initiatives to encourage domestic industry, boost exports and downsize the imports:

- i. "Make in India" initiative to transform India into a global design and manufacturing hub with a user friendly system helping drive investment, foster innovation, develop skills, protect Intellectual Property and build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure.
- ii. 'Start-up India' aimed at promoting bank financing for start-up ventures to boost entrepreneurship and encourage start-ups.
- iii. Enhanced incentives for export promotion in the Mid-term review of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20.

- iv. Ambitious program of regulatory reform aimed at making it easier to do business in India. It has led to improvement in India's "Ease of Doing Business" rank from 142 in 2014 to 100 in 2018.
- v. "Smart Cities" for developing 100 smart cities as satellite towns of larger cities and by modernising existing cities with a capital outlay of USD 7 Billion.
- vi. "AMRUT" Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation for recasting urban landscape and make urban centres more liveable and inclusive with a capital outlay of USD 7.69 Billion
- vii. "Digital India" to ensure that government services are made available to citizens electronically by improving online infrastructure and by increasing internet connectivity.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.797
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY,2018

LIVESTOCK EXPORT

797. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has announced the first ever livestock export by flight from Nagpur to Sharjah recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any private airlines has been authorised apart from Air India for such exports of livestock; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 823
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

STUDY GROUP FOR SEZs

823. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up a group to study Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy and to make it more effective;
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the study group on SEZ policy;
- (c) whether the study group has been asked to make suggestions to shift from fiscal incentives to employment based incentives; and
- (d) if so, the details of changes which the Government proposes to make in the SEZ policy to make it effective?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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(a) to (d): Yes Madam, the Government has constituted a group on 4th June, 2018 to study necessary changes in the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) policy. The group is required to submit its report within 3 months from the date of constitution.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 847
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

RCEP

847. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether Asian Trade Ministers of 16 nations met recently in Tokyo for creating world's biggest trading block called Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RECP);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the detailed roadmap chalked out in this regard;
- (c) the details of extent to which this trade block is likely to pressurize US not to dictate its trade policy in the present scenario of US-China trade war; and
- (d) the extent to which India is likely to be benefited to allow free movement of skilled manpower in other countries?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Trade Ministers from 16 Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Countries participated in the 5th RCEP Intersessional Ministerial Meeting held on 1 July 2018 in Tokyo, Japan. The RCEP Trade Ministers took stock of the progress in RCEP negotiations and gave directions on the way forward consistent with the *Guiding Principles and Objectives for Negotiating the RCEP* with a view to concluding negotiations early. The Ministers reaffirmed their resolve to work together against growing protectionism in the form of unilateral actions against free trade.

(d): India seeks liberalization of Services sector in RCEP in view of its increasing contribution to GDP and job creation in member countries. With a large pool of English speaking skilled manpower proficient in IT and ITeS, India enjoys a comparative advantage in Services.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 856(H)
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TRADE DEFICIT

856(H). SHRI RAM KUMAR SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that in foreign trade country's imports are higher than its exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of country's foreign trade deficit during the years 2015-2016, 2016-17 and 2017-2018;
- (d) whether there was a decline in the value of rupee as compared to dollar due to foreign trade deficit; and
- (e) if so, the details of annual decline in the value of rupee during the said years?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam, India's overall imports (merchandise and services) are higher than overall exports. The details of India's overall exports, imports and trade deficit for last three years are as follows:

(Value in US\$ billions)

Years	Export	Import	Trade deficit
2015-16	417.43	466.73	-49.30
2016-17	436.53	479.83	-43.30
2017-18	478.14	570.79	-92.65

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata and RBI

(d) & (e): Foreign trade too is a factor amongst the various factors having effect on the exchange rate. The annual change in the value of Rupee against US\$ during 2015-16 to 2017-18 is as follows:

Date	USD/INR Closing Rate	(+) Appreciation/ (-) Depreciation of INR on year-on-year basis
March 31, 2015	62.49	--
March 31, 2016	66.25	(-) 6.02%
March 31, 2017	64.85	(+) 2.11%
March 31, 2018	65.18	(-) 0.51%

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 867
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

INDO-US TRADE

867. SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

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

- (a) whether the tariffs on steel, aluminium and other items imposed by the United States (US) are likely to impact Indo-US bilateral trade and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto along with the total indian exports to the US from 2014 to 2018;
- (b) whether India has also hiked tariff on goods being imported from the US and if so, the details thereof along with its impact on indian economy and the bilateral trade between the two countries;
- (c) whether the US revoking preferential benefits to Indian exports would be detrimental to trade and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the US/ US-Indian Strategic Partnership Forum has challenged India's export promotion programmes, started review of India's GSP eligibility and begun examining fixation of prices of American pharmaceuticals and medical devices and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the two countries have approached the World Trade Organisation in this regard and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue amicably?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a): Yes, Madam.

After issue of United States (U.S.) Presidential proclamations imposing tariff on steel and aluminum, Government of India has taken up with U.S. Authorities for exempting Indian imports into U.S. from tariffs levied under Section 232 of U.S. Trade Expansion Act and pursued persistently with the U.S. Administration. As no positive response had emerged from the U.S. side, India filed for consultations with U.S. before World Trade Organization (WTO) Dispute Settlement Body. India also imposed retaliatory tariffs which would come into effect from 4th August, 2018. Nevertheless, India remains engaged with the U.S. for an amicable solution for the issue.

Total Indian exports to the U.S. from 2014 to 2018 are as below –

Particulars	India's Exports to USA (in US \$ Million)			
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Items where 25% tariff levied by the U.S. on Steel	1102.55	519.8	537.51	618.39
Total Steel Items	2412.83	1638.24	1593.65	1977.73
Items where 10% tariff levied by the U.S. on Aluminium	272.13	260.09	311.65	637.81
Total Aluminium Items	306.85	295.17	350.14	680.24
Total Indian Exports to USA	42,448.66	40,335.82	42,212.27	47,878.69

(b): Yes, Madam.

In response to U.S. imposition of tariffs on steel and aluminum, India hiked the tariff on 29 U.S. imports which would come into effect from 4th August, 2018. At this point of time, no major impact on Indian Economy is envisaged.

(c): India specific review of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) has been taken up by the U.S. Presently, the review is at the stage of examination of post hearing comments and the outcome of the review may take a few more months. In case U.S. revokes preferential benefits to Indian exports, the Indian exports presently availing GSP would be impacted. India has persistently engaged with the U.S. for continuation of the GSP and also submitted pre-hearing as well as post-hearing comments.

(d): Yes, Madam.

United States requested for consultations on India's export incentive schemes at World Trade Organization in March, 2018. Also as mentioned above, the GSP eligibility review has been taken up by the U.S. U.S. is also seeking a more nuanced approach for price cap on medical devices.

(e): Both the U.S. consultations on India's export incentive schemes as well as India's consultations on imposition of tariff under Section 232 of U.S. Act are currently before the WTO.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 872
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

DECLINE IN EXPORTS

872. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:
SHRIMATI VASANTHI M.:
SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:
SHRI RAMESH CHANDER KAUSHIK:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:
SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the exports from the country have registered low growth/all time low during the recent years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, sector-wise along with the total export of various commodities during the last three years and the current year, country and commodity-wise indicating rate of export;
- (b) whether the Union Government has recently convened a meeting with the State Governments and industry representatives to discuss ways and means to boost the country's exports;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the incentives/facilities proposed to various sectors and the targets for exports fixed for the next three years and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the small and the medium exporters are experiencing many difficulties and if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to address the same; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to boost the country's export including the steps taken to make processes relating to trade simpler?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a):** India's merchandise exports have increased since 2016-17. During the current period 2018-19 (Apr-June), India's exports registered a high positive growth of 14.21% as compared

to the corresponding period of previous year. The details of India's exports for last three years and the current year are as follows:

Years	Value of Export (in US\$ billions)	% Change
2015-16	262.29	-15.49
2016-17	275.85	5.17
2017-18	303.38	9.98
2017-18 (Apr-June)	72.21	--
2018-19 (Apr-June)*	82.47	14.21

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (*: Quick Estimates)

The details of India's export to top 25 countries/SAR for last three years and the current year are given as follows:

(Value in US\$ millions)

S.No.	Country	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18 (Apr-May)	2018-19 (Apr-May)*	% Growth rate in 2018-19 (Apr-May) over 2017-18 (Apr-May)
1	U S A	40340.03	42216.48	47882.55	7,762.82	8,737.00	12.55
2	U Arab Emts	30316.50	31175.50	28145.64	5,966.78	6,116.79	2.51
3	China P RP	9014.55	10172.41	13337.67	1,737.97	2,644.77	52.18
4	Hong Kong	12092.28	14047.24	14690.27	2,885.63	1,875.23	-35.01
5	Singapore	7719.97	9564.67	10202.24	1,420.73	1,831.69	28.93
6	Netherland	4727.39	5071.22	6263.27	702.82	1,556.32	121.44
7	Germany	7094.55	7183.86	8689.24	1,310.48	1,468.17	12.03
8	U K	8857.77	8551.14	9712.59	1,462.31	1,453.40	-0.61
9	Bangladesh PR	6034.96	6820.13	8460.34	1,279.47	1,419.49	10.94
10	Nepal	3902.70	5453.59	6597.09	964.72	1,297.21	34.46
11	Belgium	5027.65	5656.92	6206.92	939.32	1,244.88	32.53
12	Vietnam Soc Rep	5265.99	6786.56	7813.08	974.43	1,220.98	25.30
13	Turkey	4140.01	4626.59	5090.70	807.06	1,077.12	33.46
14	Saudi Arab	6381.72	5110.28	5410.70	860.53	971.79	12.93
15	Italy	4218.21	4902.70	5710.27	1,020.58	933.77	-8.51
16	Malaysia	3706.88	5224.88	5700.12	752.18	921.05	22.45
17	South Africa	3588.08	3545.97	3825.22	627.74	873.12	39.09
18	France	4633.77	5250.27	4901.61	811.71	844.17	4.00
19	Korea Rp	3524.51	4242.56	4462.14	868.45	811.08	-6.61
20	Japan	4663.09	3845.82	4734.75	663.87	726.80	9.48
21	Indonesia	2819.49	3488.16	3965.56	568.77	713.38	25.43
22	Mexico	2865.13	3460.98	3782.79	651.66	706.82	8.46
23	Thailand	2987.86	3133.44	3653.66	550.51	685.37	24.50
24	Spain	3237.46	3426.13	3996.15	676.69	684.62	1.17
25	Sri Lanka DSR	5310.75	3913.15	4476.33	612.58	676.27	10.40
Total export to above		192471.27	206870.66	227710.90	36,879.81	41521.57	12.59

% Share of above	73.38	74.99	75.06	76.00	75.71	--
India's total export	262291.09	275852.43	303376.22	48,524.60	54841.29	13.02

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

The sector-wise India's export for last three years and the current year are given as follows:

(Value in US\$ millions)

S. No.	Sectors	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18 (Apr-May)	2018-19 (Apr-May)*	% Growth rate in 2018-19 (Apr-May) over 2017-18 (Apr-May)
1	Engineering Goods	61949.53	67216.12	78706.35	12297.66	14368.75	16.84
2	Petroleum Products	30582.64	31545.26	37456.65	5274.95	8112.03	53.78
3	Gems And Jewellery	39284.27	43412.76	41544.45	7910.19	6972.77	-11.85
4	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	13696.98	14476.86	18497.62	2542.03	3521.96	38.55
5	Drugs And Pharmaceuticals	16909.49	16785.00	17282.44	2502.48	2988.42	19.42
6	RMG of all Textiles	16964.36	17368.15	16706.75	3353.18	2686.69	-19.88
7	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./Madeups, Handloom Products Etc.	10119.36	9862.20	10257.65	1533.28	1841.11	20.08
8	Rice	5846.62	5733.79	7733.87	1222.48	1420.45	16.19
9	Plastic And Linoleum	5764.18	5796.46	6850.86	1015.96	1358.74	33.74
10	Electronic Goods	5959.52	5962.93	6393.93	1014.31	1159.88	14.35
11	Marine Products	4767.51	5903.06	7387.72	1032.66	1062.23	2.86
12	Man-Made Yarn/Fabs./Madeups	4621.66	4557.08	4826.35	781.01	837.28	7.21
13	Leather And Leather Manufactures	5407.84	5165.60	5288.93	821.92	816.78	-0.63
14	Meat, Dairy & Poultry Products	4575.47	4368.79	4610.08	616.60	707.18	14.69
15	Mica, Coal And Other Ores, Minerals Including Process	3656.04	3578.16	3775.04	663.64	700.86	5.61
16	Spices	2541.46	2851.95	3105.93	534.71	556.71	4.11
17	Fruits And Vegetables	2268.81	2454.72	2450.00	418.03	399.68	-4.39
18	Ceramic Products & Glassware	1712.05	1856.63	2131.35	346.34	392.66	13.37
19	Handicrafts Excl. Hand Made Carpet	1648.00	1926.75	1822.54	295.99	286.00	-3.38
20	Cereal Preparations And Miscellaneous Processed Item	1319.75	1270.85	1416.81	221.96	241.60	8.85
21	Carpet	1440.07	1490.19	1429.76	241.36	233.47	-3.27
22	Oil Seeds	1246.89	1355.23	1174.34	171.09	183.42	7.21
23	Oil Meals	553.01	805.45	1089.88	173.25	176.42	1.83
24	Iron Ore	191.46	1533.53	1471.06	279.38	171.72	-38.54
25	Coffee	783.87	842.84	968.57	179.01	169.31	-5.41
26	Tobacco	982.01	958.69	934.23	155.78	153.83	-1.25
27	Tea	720.03	731.26	837.33	99.36	104.51	5.18
28	Cashew	768.55	786.93	922.41	160.59	98.14	-38.89
29	Other Cereals	261.18	212.30	248.26	28.25	74.92	165.23

30	Jute Mfg. Including Floor Covering	295.36	309.95	335.08	51.32	49.20	-4.12
31	Others	15453.12	14732.96	15719.96	2585.84	2994.53	15.80
India's total export		262291.09	275852.43	303376.22	48524.60	54841.29	13.02

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

(b) & (c): The 3rd meeting of Council for Trade Development & Promotion was held on 8th January, 2018 in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Commerce & Industry Minister in which representative from 28 states and 4 UTs participated, including 13 Ministers. The State/UT representatives articulated their perspective on the trade policy, the need for creating more awareness about export related issues and resolved to jointly address impediments in trade which affect India's exports. The major issues discussed were promoting services exports, organic farming, value addition to agricultural products including facilitation for branding, promotion, packing and developing post-harvest infrastructure for agri-horticultural product exports, facilitation to exporters and creation of export infrastructure at the borders. As per Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, the Government aims to increase India's exports of merchandise and services from US\$ 465.9 billions to approximately US\$ 900 billions by 2019-20 and to raise India's share in world exports (Goods and Services) from 2% to 3.5%.

(d): Small and medium exporters are experiencing teething problems while coping up with the new tax regime i.e. GST. Further, limited exposure of the MSMEs to the seminar/workshops in small cities adds to the problem. The Government has taken several measures to address the problems. Specialized training programme on packaging for exports for MSE units are organized through its field offices i.e. MSME-DIs, in collaboration with Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), Mumbai and other such institutions. The main objective of the programme is to impart training to MSMEs/Exporters on packaging technology, scientific packaging techniques, latest designs of packaging, improving their packaging standards and overall appearance, durability, value of products and highlighting the importance of packaging in marketing. 17 MSEs have been nominated to participate in various International Trade Fairs in different countries and provide subsidies to the tune of around Rs. 24 lakhs during the year 2017-18 to explore export opportunities of their products. 75 SME export-units have been trained in GST in association with O/o the Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Govt. of West Bengal to make them aware of the GST obligations in exporting their products.

(e): In order to boost India's exports, the Government announced a major relief package for exporters in October 2017 by extending the Advance Authorization (AA)/ Export

Promotion of Capital Goods (EPCG)/ 100% EOU schemes to sourcing inputs etc. from abroad as well as domestic suppliers. During the mid-term review of Foreign Trade Policy in December 2017, export incentives under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) have been increased by 2% for labour intensive and MSME sectors leading to additional annual incentive of Rs 4,567 crore. This was in addition to already announced increase in MEIS incentives from 2% to 4% for Ready-made Garments and Made Ups in the labour intensive Textiles Sector with an additional annual incentive of Rs 2,743 crore. Further, incentives under Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) have also been increased by 2% leading to additional annual incentive of Rs 1,140 crore.

The following steps have been taken to make the process of availing the benefits of these schemes simpler:

- a) Processing of MEIS applications has been made based on HS Codes only, except for a few items.
- b) The MEIS schedule has been harmonized with the ITC HS 2017.
- c) The free of cost exports value limit has been increased to Rs 1 Crore and for pharma exports, the limit has been raised to 8% of total exports, if supplied to certain organizations such as Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) etc.
- d) The validity of scrips under Chapter 3 has been increased to 24 months from 18 months.
- e) As part of the “Ease of Doing Business” initiatives, the Government has launched Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) clearances project w.e.f 1st April, 2016. The scheme enables the importers/exporters to file a common electronic ‘Integrated Declaration’ on the Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway i.e. ICEGATE portal. The Integrated Declaration compiles the information requirements of Customs, FSSAI, Plant Quarantine, Animal Quarantine, Drug Controller, Wild Life Control Bureau and Textile Committee. It replaces nine separate forms required by these 6 different agencies and Customs.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 877
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS

877. SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI RAJU SHETTY:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
DR. BANSHILAL MAHATO:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether India has minuscule share in global agricultural trade despite being one of the world's largest producers of numerous agricultural commodities, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the commodity and country-wise details of total quantity and value of agricultural commodities imported and exported including rice, wheat, pulses, sugar etc. during the last four years and the current year indicating the import-export rates along with the revenue generated therefrom during the said period;
- (c) whether India has recently signed deals with eight countries for agricultural exports, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to bring down the cost of exports of agriculture produce;
- (d) whether export of agricultural commodities has affected the domestic supply and demand scenario, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure proper domestic supply as well as the steps taken to boost the agricultural/ farm exports without affecting the domestic demand/ price; and
- (e) whether the Government is contemplating the export of organic agricultural products under 'Make in India' programme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) As per World Trade Organization (WTO) International Trade Statistics, 2017 (based on trade in 2016), India is the 10th largest exporter of agricultural products in the world with a share of 2.1%. Shares of the other leading agricultural exporting

countries, from 6th to 9th position, are in the same range as that of India i.e. 2.1 % - 2.4%. Hence, India's share in the world agriculture trade cannot be termed as low as India also has a large domestic consumption base for agricultural products.

- (b) Commodity-wise details of India's exports and imports of agricultural products, during the last 4 years and the current year, are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively. Country-wise details of India's exports and imports of agricultural products are at Annexure-III.
- (c) The Government is constantly engaged in the process of gaining market access for various agricultural products with different countries. This is a continuous process and agreements for export of specific agricultural product(s) are entered into with different countries from time to time.
- (d) Exports of agricultural commodities, as a percentage of the total production, are too low to have much impact on domestic demand and supply scenario. Prices and supply situation of essential commodities are monitored by a Committee of Secretaries and appropriate policy decisions are taken in the light of *prevailing* situation.

Promotion of exports of agricultural commodities is a continuous process. The Department of Commerce has several schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) etc. In addition, assistance to the exporters of agricultural products is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board and Spices Board. These organisations also seek to promote exports through participation in international fairs & exhibitions, taking initiatives to gain market access for different products in different markets, dissemination of market intelligence, taking steps to ensure quality of exported products etc.

- (e) The Government has introduced National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) to encourage organic production and exports. In order to encourage exports of organic agricultural products, the Government has decided that the Export of certified organic products will be allowed even in the event of ban on export of primary commodity (non-organic). Quantitative limits on export of various organic agricultural commodities have also been removed.

Annexure-I

India's Export of Agricultural Commodities															
Product Name	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19 (April-May)		
	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate
Marine Products	1073268.95	5510.01	5133.86	976246.82	4761.96	4877.82	1190442.35	5917.78	4971.08	1430226.83	7387.39	5165.19	216379.25	1062.08	4908.42
Basmati Rice	3702284.00	4518.25	1220.40	4044833.00	3477.35	859.70	3999722.00	3222.35	805.64	4051896.00	4165.00	1027.91	754892.00	815.18	1079.86
Non-Basmati Rice	8225564.00	3319.81	403.60	6374172.00	2307.72	362.04	6813397.00	2553.79	374.82	8633237.00	3558.11	412.14	1435204.00	601.79	419.31
Buffalo Meat	1475540.00	4781.18	3240.29	1314161.00	4068.66	3096.01	1330013.00	3924.63	2950.82	1348225.00	4029.88	2989.03	194452.00	589.64	3032.32
Spices	923258.39	2429.43	2631.37	820649.87	2502.48	3049.39	1007837.45	2890.41	2867.93	1081335.87	3104.35	2870.85	194110.77	556.55	2867.18
Cotton Raw Includ. Waste	1142534.00	1900.19	1663.14	1346499.00	1937.87	1439.19	1000022.00	1627.07	1627.03	1097443.00	1887.44	1719.85	260663.00	451.58	1732.43
Oil Meals	3904381.00	1324.08	339.13	2014679.00	535.58	265.84	3647307.00	799.44	219.19	3526526.00	1081.72	306.74	546233.00	176.36	322.87
Coffee	220484.67	811.93	3682.48	254052.71	780.31	3071.45	288163.96	843.57	2927.40	317832.41	968.60	3047.52	60652.95	169.16	2788.98
Castor Oil	546503.15	770.45	1409.78	586778.17	705.20	1201.82	600527.23	676.43	1126.39	697092.37	1043.99	1497.64	123465.94	166.91	1351.87
Fresh Fruits	484373.00	514.33	1061.85	573203.00	594.27	1036.75	798723.00	741.93	928.90	657175.00	736.07	1120.05	142921.00	150.30	1051.63
Guargum	665233.00	1552.14	2333.23	365097.00	553.09	1514.91	423283.00	467.10	1103.52	494126.00	646.94	1309.26	95652.00	129.95	1358.57
Sugar	1952703.00	870.29	445.68	3824010.00	1482.10	387.58	2545061.00	1292.09	507.69	1758036.00	811.39	461.53	349717.00	128.99	368.84
Fresh Vegetables	2019342.00	754.41	373.59	1872020.00	727.80	388.78	3631973.00	852.22	234.64	2296075.00	775.50	337.75	494962.00	118.43	239.27
Tea	215209.62	680.97	3164.22	246850.42	719.96	2916.58	244459.83	734.25	3003.56	272890.65	837.32	3068.34	35276.09	104.59	2964.90
Misc Processed Items	NA	457.46	NA	NA	442.75	NA	NA	458.02	NA	NA	574.17	NA	NA	103.24	NA
Cashew	134567.00	909.25	6756.86	103130.00	768.07	7447.59	92175.00	790.62	8577.38	90062.00	922.42	10242.06	9213.00	98.14	10652.34
Tobacco Unmanufactured	219566.83	680.01	3097.05	215033.16	664.99	3092.50	205101.28	636.71	3104.37	185302.31	593.85	3204.76	29775.06	92.09	3092.86
Processed Fruits & Juices	NA	591.86	NA	NA	573.31	NA	533369.85	582.39	1091.91	571117.62	646.24	1131.54	82610.07	88.38	1069.85
Cereal Preparations	305931.00	495.64	1620.10	313208.00	505.84	1615.03	341434.00	532.23	1558.81	352478.00	552.09	1566.31	55009.00	84.98	1544.84
Groundnut	708376.00	760.35	1073.37	536815.00	614.81	1145.29	725114.00	810.95	1118.38	503155.00	524.53	1042.48	86179.00	83.00	963.11
Sesame Seeds	375619.06	772.19	2055.78	328316.57	459.57	1399.78	308747.50	403.91	1308.22	336843.87	463.90	1377.20	54287.10	81.48	1500.91
Other Cereals	3510554.00	868.50	247.40	908611.00	243.98	268.52	738178.00	212.06	287.27	819750.00	247.38	301.77	279377.00	74.24	265.73
Pulses	222104.00	199.83	899.71	255602.00	252.02	985.99	137177.00	191.63	1396.95	179113.00	227.43	1269.76	69832.00	68.08	974.91
Dairy Products	NA	354.65	NA	NA	257.58	NA	91043.67	255.28	2803.93	102312.91	303.00	2961.50	24659.33	67.01	2717.43
Tobacco Manufactured	NA	278.56	NA	NA	316.13	NA	NA	325.14	NA	NA	340.33	NA	NA	61.70	NA
Alcoholic Beverages	NA	369.17	NA	NA	309.75	NA	232597.96	300.23	1290.77	241231.46	326.85	1354.92	43865.42	48.37	1102.69
Processed Vegetables	NA	282.32	NA	NA	258.71	NA	193836.18	264.73	1365.74	212175.40	282.85	1333.10	34097.27	42.56	1248.19
Cocoa Products	20883.80	138.90	6651.09	32210.11	192.21	5967.38	25634.85	162.66	6345.27	29469.86	177.32	6016.99	4182.40	30.36	7258.99
Sheep/Goat Meat	23614.00	135.71	5747.01	21952.00	128.38	5848.21	22715.00	130.59	5749.06	23576.00	134.03	5685.02	5081.00	28.26	5561.90
Fruits / Vegetable Seeds	12497.74	69.54	5564.21	10684.30	74.18	6942.90	11679.63	78.91	6756.21	14415.85	103.16	7156.01	2476.07	25.53	10310.69
Milled Products	415690.55	166.77	401.19	415015.65	164.89	397.31	251886.54	119.92	476.09	268170.08	135.61	505.69	50563.42	23.82	471.09
Vegetable Oils	41543.00	94.46	2273.79	29798.00	79.11	2654.88	60925.00	117.16	1923.02	37322.00	88.46	2370.18	10132.00	20.57	2030.20
Other Oil Seeds	247540.00	185.03	747.48	204014.00	147.47	722.84	194482.00	126.80	651.99	295130.00	175.43	594.42	25154.00	17.23	684.98
Poultry Products	NA	106.38	NA	NA	117.12	NA	NA	79.08	NA	NA	85.66	NA	NA	15.23	NA
Floriculture	NA	75.38	NA	NA	72.94	NA	22315.02	81.26	3641.49	20772.46	78.72	3789.63	3113.22	13.20	4239.98
Mollases	213460.00	28.09	131.59	614944.00	79.59	129.43	347662.00	42.01	120.84	123473.00	14.78	119.70	82402.00	7.99	96.96
Shellac	5242.54	43.80	8354.73	6241.58	29.70	4758.41	5636.77	35.35	6271.32	6519.91	44.49	6823.71	1170.97	7.85	6703.84
Animal Casings	260.15	3.18	12223.72	206.36	2.61	12647.80	173.24	2.06	11891.02	12424.66	50.68	4078.98	1887.67	6.26	3316.26
Wheat	2914743.00	825.98	283.38	614096.00	150.59	245.22	262462.00	66.32	252.68	229989.00	66.93	291.01	22489.00	5.98	265.91
Niger Seeds	18036.89	17.59	975.22	14121.56	18.99	1344.75	14128.45	17.53	1240.76	9215.04	10.84	1176.34	1562.25	1.69	1081.77
Cashew Nut Shell Liquid	10937.60	9.10	831.99	11677.25	8.83	756.17	11426.76	6.57	574.97	8325.16	5.06	607.80	830.80	0.69	830.52
Processed Meat	405.00	2.29	5654.32	282.00	0.96	3404.26	141.00	0.69	4893.62	269.00	1.54	5724.91	74.00	0.37	5000.00
Other Meat	248.00	0.41	1653.23	NA	0.00	NA	79.00	0.14	1772.15	1044.00	2.55	2442.53	123.00	0.28	2276.42
Total		38659.87			32089.43			33374.01			38214.00			6420.09	

Source: DGCI&S/Agri Exchange

Annexure-II

India's Import of Agricultural Commodities

Product Name	2014-15			2015-16			2016-17			2017-18			2018-19 (April-May)		
	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate	Quantity	Value	Rate
Vegetable Oils	11547765.00	9670.51	837.44	15642325.00	10492.08	670.75	14009855.00	10894.05	777.60	15361016.00	11637.48	757.60	2464027.00	1838.96	746.32
Fresh Fruits	858113.00	1561.52	1819.71	839543.00	1694.84	2018.76	1040191.00	1675.44	1610.70	994701.00	1942.92	1953.27	248342.00	314.97	1268.29
Cashew	940813.00	1087.16	1155.55	961665.00	1339.34	1392.73	774297.00	1346.58	1739.10	654024.00	1418.63	2169.08	141477.00	308.45	2180.21
Spices	161072.12	717.55	4454.84	193437.50	823.79	4258.69	240389.25	858.58	3571.62	220665.81	989.50	4484.16	46093.77	210.07	4557.45
Cotton Raw Incl. wast	258900.00	508.66	1964.70	231814.00	394.10	1700.07	499615.00	946.88	1895.22	468787.00	979.22	2088.84	72772.00	153.45	2108.64
Alcoholic Beverages	NA	407.63	NA	303459.28	447.38	1474.27	451536.57	534.17	1183.00	563730.55	601.15	1066.38	65296.60	83.00	1271.12
Pulses	4584852.00	2786.11	607.68	5797706.00	3902.22	673.06	6608951.00	4244.24	642.20	5607262.00	2908.26	518.66	187267.00	81.97	437.72
Misc Processed Items	NA	286.06	NA	NA	277.20	NA	0.00	315.67	NA	NA	347.11	NA	NA	61.50	NA
Sugar	1538635.00	601.17	390.72	1943125.00	612.24	315.08	2146153.00	1021.81	476.11	2402978.00	936.52	389.73	140763.00	45.84	325.65
Other Oil Seeds	51347.00	26.56	517.26	62505.00	32.99	527.80	117157.00	58.92	502.91	127350.00	56.47	443.42	87005.00	42.65	490.20
Cocoa Products	65311.36	253.49	3881.25	56424.69	212.96	3774.23	63606.37	229.38	3606.24	71209.09	228.45	3208.16	11615.42	35.00	3013.24
Coffee	74884.60	152.20	2032.46	65612.80	122.59	1868.39	78041.17	138.20	1770.86	77217.19	154.73	2003.83	17835.48	29.92	1677.56
Marine Products	27580.05	73.58	2667.87	50129.15	97.23	1939.59	52053.67	94.64	1818.12	44709.49	123.06	2752.44	12504.01	25.40	2031.35
Processed Fruits & Juices	NA	81.01	NA	38962.50	80.31	2061.21	42731.85	81.73	1912.62	53613.07	124.70	2325.93	11022.26	22.60	2050.40
Oil Meals	165103.00	44.71	270.80	255014.00	65.26	255.91	550408.00	145.29	263.97	485957.00	115.83	238.35	91330.00	21.92	240.01
Fruits / Vegetable Seeds	14011.17	100.46	7169.99	14328.07	107.57	7507.64	14073.60	97.87	6954.16	16043.61	118.61	7392.97	1143.95	21.03	18383.67
Cereal Preparations	63109.00	92.65	1468.09	61487.00	87.81	1428.11	66759.00	86.78	1299.90	70495.00	101.38	1438.12	10501.00	18.05	1718.88
Other Cereals	23398.00	10.04	429.10	206144.00	51.84	251.47	311367.00	73.30	235.41	265128.00	67.27	253.73	71655.00	16.45	229.57
Sesame Seeds	34767.79	62.67	1802.53	23597.10	27.59	1169.21	69028.83	65.88	954.38	26269.59	27.40	1043.03	6327.78	7.61	1202.63
Tea	27445.24	63.58	2316.61	23722.24	58.04	2446.65	24788.14	50.27	2027.99	24742.93	55.16	2229.32	2625.42	6.37	2426.28
Tobacco Manufactured	NA	32.76	NA	NA	29.74	NA	0.00	34.00	NA	NA	28.85	NA	NA	5.77	NA
Dairy Products	NA	61.49	NA	18233.48	56.64	3106.37	16899.53	38.01	2249.17	23381.60	48.51	2074.71	2451.69	5.33	2174.01
Floriculture	NA	18.52	NA	4768.81	17.43	3655.00	5560.32	19.96	3589.72	6243.19	21.16	3389.29	957.98	4.67	4874.84
Processed Vegetables	NA	17.03	NA	15379.02	18.40	1196.44	13380.86	17.29	1292.14	15023.85	20.77	1382.47	2769.02	3.40	1227.87
Poultry Products	NA	6.18	NA	NA	4.04	NA	0.00	4.41	NA	NA	4.17	NA	NA	1.73	NA
Tobacco Unmanufactured	1911.42	15.90	8318.42	2883.25	20.54	7123.91	1969.03	11.47	5825.20	1542.20	10.78	6990.01	442.65	1.17	2643.17
Niger Seeds	703.00	0.60	853.49	5780.00	6.76	1169.55	10466.00	12.16	1161.86	5332.80	4.49	841.96	1102.00	0.77	698.73
Other Meat	469.00	3.19	6801.71	498.00	2.64	5301.20	592.00	2.84	4797.30	784.00	4.31	5497.45	125.00	0.68	5440.00
Cashew Nut Shell Liq.	1720.40	1.63	947.45	1858.35	0.87	468.16	1687.77	0.55	325.87	2092.36	0.88	420.58	698.50	0.38	544.02
Milled Products	3465.37	2.90	836.85	4393.66	3.26	741.98	3555.95	2.42	680.55	3275.70	2.02	616.66	679.47	0.35	515.11
Shellac	1770.99	9.75	5505.40	705.39	2.99	4238.79	459.61	2.01	4373.27	466.92	2.85	6103.83	48.60	0.33	6790.12
Sheep/Goat Meat	87.00	1.43	16436.78	53.00	0.73	13773.58	126.00	1.27	10079.37	215.00	2.07	9627.91	18.00	0.27	15000.00
Groundnut	127.00	0.08	629.92	107.00	0.05	467.29	325.00	0.21	646.15	1719.00	2.02	1175.10	237.00	0.26	1097.05
Fresh Vegetables	8244.00	1.82	220.77	140728.00	59.78	424.79	8552.00	1.66	194.11	15656.00	3.98	254.22	217.00	0.22	1013.82
Non-Basmati Rice	1958.00	1.77	903.98	1021.00	0.91	891.28	1144.00	1.08	944.06	2122.00	1.89	890.67	221.00	0.21	950.23
Wheat	29494.00	9.95	337.36	517667.00	135.45	261.65	5749434.00	1268.64	220.65	1649725.00	364.50	220.95	850.00	0.17	200.00
Processed Meat	165.00	0.85	5151.52	71.00	0.42	5915.49	131.00	0.67	5114.50	95.00	0.50	5263.16	18.00	0.11	6111.11
Castor Oil	52.36	0.30	5729.56	31.76	0.17	5352.64	94.68	0.21	2218.00	38.37	0.40	10424.81	5.26	0.08	15209.13
Guargum	168.00	0.97	5773.81	633.00	2.07	3270.14	181.00	0.36	1988.95	431.00	0.51	1183.29	23.00	0.05	2173.91
Mollases	59553.00	4.84	81.27	17267.00	1.16	67.18	13848.00	1.35	97.49	72823.00	10.75	147.62	50.00	0.01	200.00
Total		18779.28			21291.43			24380.25			23469.26			3371.17	

Source: DGCI&S/Agri Exchange

India's Export of Agricultural Commodities (Country-wise)

Value in US\$

Mill

Country Name	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (April-May)
Vietnam Soc Rep	4302.12	3507.76	4352.25	5277.74	826.20
U S A	4279.39	3265.19	3666.76	4646.60	700.51
U Arab Emts	2003.45	2003.25	2158.19	2182.98	391.69
Bangladesh Pr	2019.07	1279.26	1348.05	2067.70	324.57
Saudi Arab	2147.57	1752.45	1461.63	1579.53	290.10
Iran	1686.65	904.66	880.91	1316.26	270.28
China P Rp	1633.25	945.37	1050.03	1174.48	258.45
Netherland	710.20	691.32	696.31	911.74	129.07
Malaysia	1099.40	974.28	869.75	909.23	183.02
Nepal	668.73	588.45	817.36	857.87	145.64
U K	776.32	760.41	716.54	821.39	108.88
Japan	714.00	669.37	696.46	774.64	98.88
Iraq	405.28	539.15	657.85	692.52	109.35
Indonesia	778.83	431.64	734.92	652.37	163.96
Thailand	823.78	565.67	611.64	615.38	104.31
Germany	486.62	450.08	479.00	596.79	79.16
Russia	486.35	431.24	518.67	583.76	90.42
Belgium	556.75	557.02	556.90	574.78	77.75
Sri Lanka Dsr	652.21	415.03	388.06	534.74	66.74
Italy	448.35	424.94	458.59	491.44	86.74
OTHER COUNTRIES	11981.55	10932.89	10254.14	10952.06	1914.37
Total	38659.87	32089.43	33374.01	38214.00	6420.09

Source: DGCI&S/Agri Exchange

India's Import of Agricultural Commodities (Country-wise)

Value in US\$

Mill

CountryName	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (April-May)
Indonesia	3352.31	3903.84	4464.39	5266.30	397.34
Argentina	1594.97	2291.58	2353.63	2120.33	339.89
Ukraine	1606.99	1350.09	2170.27	2073.38	456.70
U S A	981.49	1195.94	1455.56	1833.83	297.03
Malaysia	2416.10	2330.01	1968.67	1633.19	424.04
Brazil	1020.35	1242.90	1454.44	1382.58	146.72
Australia	385.05	965.95	1845.70	1352.16	24.43
Canada	1089.19	1421.35	1188.76	712.34	12.54
Myanmar	827.62	852.03	841.67	447.36	13.81
Afghanistan Tis	255.99	301.38	285.78	424.67	49.45
Tanzania Rep	413.44	375.72	566.47	365.22	24.13
U Arab Emts	262.76	275.16	362.52	362.54	100.98
Thailand	145.84	74.82	68.12	357.38	68.16
Cote D Ivoire	439.41	444.75	365.06	323.07	83.79
Vietnam Soc Rep	279.42	242.01	270.53	307.33	56.29
China P Rp	267.62	231.98	370.30	305.39	48.52
Russia	160.28	234.81	259.65	303.34	7.63
Guinea Bissau	157.92	197.70	210.17	255.42	1.04
U K	231.51	220.21	220.80	242.01	31.67
Sri Lanka Dsr	221.60	244.29	167.75	210.43	22.20
OTHER COUNTRIES	2669.42	2894.91	3490.01	3190.99	764.81
Total	18,779.28	21,291.43	24,380.25	23,469.26	3,371.17

Source: DGCI&S/Agri Exchange

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 888
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

ISSUE OF AGRICULTURAL SUBSIDIES AT WTO

888. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether the United States has alleged that India is supporting its rice and wheat farmers with payments that are far higher than the amounts allowed by the World Trade Organisation (WTO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether India has made reform of agricultural subsidies a major negotiating issue at the WTO in the past five years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The United States has, in May 2018, submitted a communication under provisions of the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA) on certain measures of India providing Market Price Support (MPS) to wheat and rice for the years 2010-11 to 2013-14. In this communication, the US has claimed that India has under-reported its domestic support provided for wheat and rice and breached its commitments under the WTO AoA. The calculations done by them, to support this claim is based, as per them, on information available in the public domain and news reports. The US has, however, clarified that the purpose of the counter notification is to facilitate conversation and improve transparency.

India has refuted the calculations done in the US counter notifications as being flawed on technical grounds and asserted that the methodology used by India in its domestic

support notifications is in accordance with the rules under the Agreement on Agriculture.

(c) & (d): India has been of the view that the Agreement on Agriculture provides considerable space and flexibility to a few developed members to provide huge trade distorting subsidies and further, to concentrate these subsidies on a few products without any limits. These few members have been trying to shift the focus of negotiations in the WTO from reducing and capping such large trade distorting subsidies by the rich countries to ensuring that developing countries such as India and China reduce or cap their agricultural subsidies. India is concerned at this shift in the discussion on domestic support and has, at various fora, held that the agriculture negotiations are meant to continue the reform process and not to preserve the subsidies of a few while taking away all the flexibilities from developing countries in an already unequal playing field. India has maintained that any meaningful reform in agriculture must first seek to reduce the disproportionately large subsidies of the developed countries. India and China have also made a joint submission in the WTO proposing the elimination of AMS (Aggregate Measurement of Support), available mostly to developed countries, which is the most trade-distorting form of agricultural domestic support.

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 893
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

WORLD GOLD COUNCIL VISION, 2020

893. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the World Gold Council Vision, 2020 has projected that Indian Gold Industry will transform the country into the world jeweller by increasing gold jewellery exports five folds and doubling employment in the sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Vision has also advised India to create a Gold tourism circuit in the country to attract foreign as well as domestic customers for handicrafts gold jewellery;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production and export of handicrafts jewellery?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d) World Gold Council has not presented any Paper/Report to the Government with regard to gold jewellery exports.

(e) With a view to promote the Gems and Jewellery sector including handicrafts jewellery, Government has taken a number of steps such as setting up of Common Facility Centres for gem and jewellery sector; amendment of wastage and value addition norms for gems and jewellery items; and providing financial assistance for participation in international fairs, organizing buyer-seller meets, creation of export related infrastructure, etc. under various schemes of the Department of Commerce.

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

EXPORT OF SPICES

896. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) the total quantity and value of export of spices from the country during the last three years, item-wise and yearwise along with the names of countries where they were exported;
- (b) the details of foreign exchange earned therefrom during the said period;
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government and the Spices Board to boost the export of spices from the country; and
- (d) the Programmes/Schemes being implemented by the Government for increasing production, productivity and quality of spices in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The total quantity and value of export of spices from the country during the last three years is given below. Details are given in the Annexure.

<i>Year</i>	<i>Quantity (Tons)</i>	<i>Value (Rs. Crore)</i>	<i>Foreign exchange earned (Million US\$)</i>
2015-16	8,43,255	16,238.23	2482.83
2016-17	9,47,790	17,664.61	2633.30
2017-18 (*)	10,28,060	17,929.55	2781.46

(*) provisional

(c): Government is implementing various programmes through Spices Board to boost export of spices from the country which, inter-alia, include development of infrastructure for common processing facilities in Spices Parks, product development & research for exporters, study of

markets abroad, setting up of Quality Evaluation Laboratories to ensure that the quality of spices exported from the country meets quality specifications of consuming countries, assistance to farmers for post-harvest quality improvement in spices, trade promotion activities including participation in international events, promotion of Indian spice brands, conducting training programmes for the stakeholders in Good Agricultural Practices etc.

(d) :The mandate for the production and development of spices other than Cardamom vests with the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW). Several programmes are implemented by MoA&FW for increasing production, productivity and quality of spices in the country under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). The major interventions include area expansion, rejuvenation /replanting of old and senile crops, production and distribution of quality planting materials, Integrated Pest and Disease Management, Integrated Nutrient Management, Organic farming, Mechanization, Integrated Post-harvest Management, Development of market yards, Technology dissemination through frontline demonstration, Human Resource Development etc.

To boost production of cardamom (small and large) in the country, under the Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion & Quality Improvement in Spices and Research & Development of Cardamom being implemented by the Spices Board, various programmes for production of quality planting materials, replanting of old and uneconomic gardens, new planting, irrigation development, improved curing facilities, farm mechanization, etc. are taken up.

MAJOR ITEM-WISE /COUNTRY-WISE EXPORT OF SPICES FROM INDIA

MAJOR ITEM/ COUNTRY	2015-16			2016-17		
	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)
PEPPER						
U.S.A	10740.47	65961.15	100.85	9700.00	58200.00	86.76
U.K	2160.86	14904.33	22.79	1875.63	11495.14	17.14
GERMANY	2504.90	14456.83	22.10	965.47	7905.81	11.79
SWEDEN	649.88	4748.80	7.26	1034.26	7804.79	11.63
JAPAN	697.47	5086.22	7.78	815.64	6517.07	9.72
NETHERLANDS	1566.44	10027.14	15.33	528.70	4203.32	6.27
U.A.E	663.31	3982.42	6.09	792.21	4010.12	5.98
CANADA	589.64	3677.50	5.62	354.41	2487.37	3.71
AUSTRALIA	480.91	3373.68	5.16	300.59	1873.82	2.79
FRANCE	430.97	3262.85	4.99	396.53	1868.01	2.78
SPAIN	449.82	2204.10	3.37	240.24	1496.24	2.23
TURKEY	251.40	1422.66	2.18	224.00	1474.65	2.20
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	28100.00	173041.50	264.58	17600.00	114312.50	170.41
CARDAMOM(SMALL)						
SAUDI ARABIA	3968.59	31918.39	48.80	2500.00	27469.50	40.95
U.A.E	492.93	4571.05	6.99	494.24	5720.39	8.53
KUWAIT	198.00	1539.96	2.35	152.75	1670.83	2.49
U.S.A	118.93	1274.57	1.95	95.85	929.36	1.39
JAPAN	70.07	831.10	1.27	55.21	622.62	0.93
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	5500.00	44982.75	68.78	3850.00	42150.00	62.83
CARDAMOM(LARGE)						
PAKISTAN	370.02	4999.26	7.64	601.38	5981.69	8.92
U.A.E	64.03	720.01	1.10	31.00	289.05	0.43
U.K	71.91	663.09	1.01	81.85	777.34	1.16
U.S.A	23.20	312.14	0.48	25.11	350.24	0.52
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	600.00	7332.50	11.21	780.00	8265.50	12.32

		2015-16			2016-17		
MAJOR COUNTRY	ITEM/	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)
CHILLI							
	VIETNAM	58842.62	78559.98	120.12	70012.51	95929.40	143.00
	THAILAND	59916.14	70671.43	108.06	60008.77	96101.18	143.26
	SRI LANKA	46508.50	50120.24	76.63	51392.56	52053.02	77.60
	MALAYSIA	30994.31	40031.33	61.21	28791.87	44187.47	65.87
	U.S.A	24074.47	37846.45	57.87	20792.36	39172.20	58.39
	U.A.E	33786.07	23689.53	36.22	38318.37	28636.36	42.69
	INDONESIA	19855.60	22115.91	33.82	33393.85	40934.35	61.02
	MEXICO	10588.70	14719.16	22.51	13105.64	20309.50	30.28
	U.K	6694.74	8714.88	13.33	6829.83	10302.88	15.36
	BANGLADESH	14426.43	5614.20	8.58	39685.52	32720.04	48.78
	SINGAPORE	3432.36	4314.95	6.60	3277.36	5086.01	7.58
	NEPAL	5167.96	4143.29	6.34	8812.20	7042.87	10.50
	SAUDI ARABIA	2017.01	2829.59	4.33	2426.70	3416.21	5.09
	QATAR	3571.49	2696.30	4.12	3364.55	3564.58	5.31
	CANADA	1471.75	2267.06	3.47	1463.72	2634.63	3.93
	CHINA	2029.35	2211.42	3.38	2399.90	2723.48	4.06
	AUSTRALIA	1356.77	2136.23	3.27	1587.35	2861.85	4.27
	OMAN	2226.85	2071.60	3.17	1843.84	2298.30	3.43
	SOUTH AFRICA	1483.85	2034.59	3.11	2022.64	3540.41	5.28
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)		347500.00	393170.00	601.16	400250.00	507075.00	755.90
GINGER							
	SPAIN	2325.00	4449.67	6.80	2680.17	3911.68	5.83
	U.S.A	1891.21	4792.63	7.33	1289.27	3149.37	4.69
	BANGLADESH	10466.93	1878.38	2.87	11350.00	3146.47	4.69
	MOROCCO	784.78	1426.09	2.18	1664.00	2373.74	3.54
	U.K	746.07	1712.06	2.62	643.71	1410.78	2.10
	SAUDI ARABIA	1116.36	2097.34	3.21	941.64	1325.44	1.98
	GERMANY	263.08	805.64	1.23	523.45	1298.67	1.94
	NETHERLANDS	463.43	1117.00	1.71	357.07	862.65	1.29
	EGYPT(A.R.E)	483.00	695.21	1.06	735.90	836.14	1.25
	U.A.E	554.27	882.47	1.35	566.04	688.62	1.03
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)		24800.00	27062.00	41.38	24950.00	25705.00	38.32

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MAJOR ITEM/ COUNTRY	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)
TURMERIC						
IRAN	13141.09	11975.44	18.31	14862.40	13575.50	20.24
U.S.A	5543.95	9388.53	14.36	6830.39	11410.39	17.01
BANGLADESH	4802.80	2478.43	3.79	12772.51	10464.78	15.60
U.A.E	5905.65	5298.46	8.10	8195.76	7646.26	11.40
MALAYSIA	6375.79	6593.10	10.08	6249.37	6408.74	9.55
U.K	3935.00	4410.65	6.74	3892.94	5473.00	8.16
SAUDI ARABIA	4105.28	4196.04	6.42	5257.16	5036.65	7.51
SOUTH AFRICA	2228.69	2444.97	3.74	5257.16	5036.65	7.51
MOROCCO	2294.14	2027.27	3.10	5271.30	4655.87	6.94
SRI LANKA	4634.09	4337.24	6.63	4758.18	4482.59	6.68
GERMANY	2450.90	3145.06	4.81	2838.15	4231.07	6.31
SPAIN	2231.85	2014.24	3.08	3857.70	3864.65	5.76
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	88500.00	92165.00	140.92	116500.00	124189.00	185.13
CORIANDER						
MALAYSIA	11931.85	13534.24	20.69	12162.42	10635.78	15.85
U.A.E	4540.08	4699.69	7.19	3783.13	3067.44	4.57
U.K	2961.88	3223.62	4.93	2557.68	2680.59	4.00
SOUTH AFRICA	2105.08	1990.65	3.04	2321.93	2250.54	3.35
U.S.A	1322.37	2116.90	3.24	1306.86	2082.25	3.10
SAUDI ARABIA	2331.57	2161.94	3.31	2091.11	1748.80	2.61
OMAN	1056.64	1117.92	1.71	1006.05	1015.95	1.51
NEPAL	1739.89	1872.45	2.86	927.98	783.58	1.17
AUSTRALIA	372.86	612.71	0.94	491.98	696.85	1.04
SINGAPORE	797.58	765.31	1.17	777.41	661.91	0.99
KUWAIT	399.20	529.29	0.81	540.68	624.44	0.93
QATAR	565.48	624.21	0.95	690.26	603.96	0.90
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	40100.00	42680.50	65.26	30300.00	29207.50	43.54

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CUMIN							
VIETNAM		24688.64	37492.03	57.33	38872.60	65333.08	97.39
U.S.A		9776.26	17964.18	27.47	11548.32	21961.61	32.74
BANGLADESH		4274.95	5427.70	8.30	10067.02	14200.09	21.17
U.A.E		5786.75	8551.34	13.08	8577.04	13399.10	19.97
U.K		3756.80	7323.92	11.20	3936.09	7852.98	11.71
MALAYSIA		4078.44	6537.38	10.00	4034.69	6981.89	10.41
SPAIN		2629.26	3812.80	5.83	4366.24	6702.87	9.99
BRAZIL		4656.29	6333.63	9.68	5076.50	6130.99	9.14
PAKISTAN		2040.75	3138.44	4.80	3175.08	5820.23	8.68
NEPAL		3006.06	4385.66	6.71	3788.46	5785.09	8.62
SAUDI ARABIA		3248.97	4566.10	6.98	3452.84	5314.15	7.92
SRI LANKA		2630.06	3887.76	5.94	2646.50	4249.07	6.33
EGYPT(A.R.E)		4306.00	6063.21	9.27	2457.00	3819.59	5.69
JAPAN		852.64	1976.72	3.02	1170.15	2616.70	3.90
COLUMBIA		1308.50	2107.88	3.22	1246.50	2069.54	3.09
ALGERIA		1226.02	1720.00	2.63	1400.25	2052.62	3.06
MEXICO		1092.05	1561.03	2.39	1412.23	2038.75	3.04
ISRAEL		799.81	1268.43	1.94	1212.76	2026.72	3.02
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)		97790.00	153113.00	234.11	119000.00	196320.00	292.66
CELERY							
U.S.A		3286.21	3088.79	4.72	3765.93	3433.53	5.12
SOUTH AFRICA		301.85	340.16	0.52	443.75	504.79	0.75
GERMANY		213.06	259.23	0.40	167.00	186.88	0.28
CHINA		221.05	204.06	0.31	336.33	301.86	0.45
CANADA		200.15	199.15	0.30	267.34	253.33	0.38
NETHERLANDS		118.77	176.13	0.27	308.00	376.51	0.56
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)		5310.00	5328.24	8.15	6250.00	6246.00	9.31

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FENNEL						
VIETNAM	1037.36	884.81	1.35	19111.87	14881.29	22.18
U.S.A	2465.33	3153.12	4.82	2528.93	3024.13	4.51
MALAYSIA	2235.18	2427.70	3.71	2835.86	2389.74	3.56
SAUDI ARABIA	1453.38	1480.29	2.26	2124.45	1868.59	2.79
U.A.E	1027.08	1054.36	1.61	1315.00	1173.68	1.75
U.K	901.36	1333.20	2.04	902.01	1153.07	1.72
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	15320.00	17239.60	26.36	35150.00	30875.50	46.03
FENUGREEK						
U.S.A	1201.82	1311.04	2.00	1551.01	1524.43	2.27
U.A.E	3287.38	1975.95	3.02	2841.90	1408.10	2.10
Y.A.R	2695.50	2164.06	3.31	3072.39	1327.85	1.98
SAUDI ARABIA	3597.23	2309.68	3.53	2665.24	1144.66	1.71
SRI LANKA	2671.70	1773.64	2.71	2528.99	1079.18	1.61
SOUTH AFRICA	1190.43	788.38	1.21	1800.71	923.69	1.38
SUDAN	2337.00	1482.66	2.27	2027.07	876.42	1.31
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	33300.00	23380.00	35.75	34680.00	18276.50	27.25
NUTMEG & MACE						
VIETNAM	965.10	5263.43	8.05	2084.41	9992.23	14.90
U.A.E	966.76	4732.38	7.24	837.38	3519.97	5.25
U.S.A	258.57	1320.49	2.02	240.50	1309.26	1.95
BRAZIL	124.50	538.25	0.82	221.33	831.26	1.24
NIGERIA	248.48	1159.52	1.77	147.55	738.54	1.10
EGYPT(A.R.E)	110.00	616.24	0.94	120.58	724.66	1.08
AUSTRALIA	116.52	602.65	0.92	64.88	410.07	0.61
ARGENTINA	144.50	544.12	0.83	67.38	248.83	0.37
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	4050.00	20928.25	32.00	5070.00	23641.65	35.24

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CURRY POWDER/ MIXTURE						
U.S.A	2872.05	6488.74	9.92	2863.98	7193.27	10.72
SAUDI ARABIA	2849.65	6280.07	9.60	3207.85	7171.30	10.69
U.A.E	4041.81	8599.68	13.15	2634.68	6518.30	9.72
U.K	3466.14	5894.76	9.01	2912.33	5884.33	8.77
QATAR	1200.44	3026.22	4.63	1017.29	2696.32	4.02
KUWAIT	876.35	2076.23	3.17	1064.59	2561.11	3.82
CANADA	561.15	1339.77	2.05	1177.02	2341.16	3.49
AUSTRALIA	2569.51	3969.87	6.07	945.16	2225.12	3.32
OMAN	549.32	1635.45	2.50	657.65	1886.59	2.81
NIGERIA	1219.68	2055.76	3.14	1041.78	1571.29	2.34
SINGAPORE	346.33	730.18	1.12	396.57	1076.13	1.60
BAHARAIN	300.49	694.63	1.06	360.85	794.89	1.18
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	26550.00	53174.50	81.30	28500.00	59910.00	89.31
SPICE OILS & OLEORESINS						
U.S.A	2531.81	61125.72	93.46	3041.69	78692.96	117.31
CHINA	2026.43	24936.93	38.13	1496.98	18920.40	28.20
GERMANY	540.01	11307.33	17.29	519.16	15201.45	22.66
KOREA(SOUTH)	527.32	7438.50	11.37	809.13	12378.74	18.45
U.K	565.62	8966.76	13.71	671.62	11711.45	17.46
NETHERLANDS	172.53	4196.32	6.42	317.16	8112.66	12.09
JAPAN	95.77	5675.73	8.68	135.61	7169.32	10.69
INDONESIA	295.59	3037.26	4.64	578.94	6635.30	9.89
FRANCE	209.76	7594.20	11.61	243.91	6226.89	9.28
DENMARK	118.12	3643.57	5.57	160.30	5970.03	8.90
THAILAND	331.89	3990.23	6.10	408.17	5897.14	8.79
AUSTRALIA	185.19	3391.28	5.19	233.43	5471.50	8.16
SPAIN	330.17	4707.00	7.20	340.90	5197.21	7.75
MEXICO	174.14	2985.01	4.56	245.01	4629.96	6.90
SOUTH AFRICA	240.32	4165.02	6.37	249.49	4311.07	6.43
HONGKONG	939.72	7577.91	11.59	175.62	3951.21	5.89
PHILLIPINES	154.17	2641.93	4.04	183.26	3744.02	5.58
CANADA	187.64	3241.80	4.96	188.92	3495.02	5.21
BELGIUM	111.57	1656.02	2.53	181.10	3168.30	4.72
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	11635.00	214255.00	327.60	12100.00	230775.00	344.02

	2015-16			2016-17		
MAJOR ITEM/ COUNTRY	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)	QTY (MT)	VALUE (RS. LAKHS)	VALUE (MIL. US\$)
MINT PRODUCTS						
CHINA	9518.13	90342.82	138.13	9359.55	94955.46	141.55
U.S.A	4860.25	63288.35	96.77	3130.37	41629.23	62.06
NETHERLANDS	638.65	8828.48	13.50	951.07	12490.54	18.62
GERMANY	1155.16	13303.79	20.34	707.47	8810.51	13.13
FRANCE	816.99	10956.65	16.75	667.68	8398.21	12.52
SINGAPORE	1891.63	18224.73	27.87	710.73	7505.00	11.19
U.K	544.24	7081.76	10.83	462.88	6735.11	10.04
JAPAN	877.24	10595.82	16.20	483.62	5877.46	8.76
PHILLIPINES	262.90	3363.08	5.14	216.50	2675.39	3.99
TOTAL(INCL.OTHERS)	21150.00	257759.00	394.11	22300.00	252750.00	376.78
GRAND TOTAL	843255.00	1623822.60	2482.83	947790.00	1766460.65	2633.30

Source: DGCI&S Kolkata/Exporters' Returns/Daily List of Exports(DLE)

Item –wise and country-wise data for the year 2017-18 is not available.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 904
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

IMPORT OF BLACK PEPPER

904. SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is importing black pepper from Vietnam and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the local farmers are suffering from rate down from Rs. 700 to Rs. 380 in the last six months and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the imported black pepper is of low quality as compared to our market and it is mixed with many other things;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any requests from certain States like Karnataka, Goa and Kerala or from public representatives/ NGOs to stop import of pepper and rise the prices for local farmers and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): No Madam. The Government is not importing black pepper from Vietnam. However, pepper is imported from Vietnam and other countries by Indian processors for value addition and re-export. The import of pepper from Vietnam into India during the last three years is given below:

Year	Quantity (MT)	Value (Rs.Crore)
2014-15	10,845	520.33
2015-16	6,780	404.20
2016-17	9,500	477.85
2017-18 (Provisional)	10,825	367.56

(b) to (e): The domestic prices of pepper have fallen primarily due to decline in international prices owing to higher production and supply of pepper in the international market and due to import of cheap pepper from other origins into India. The average domestic price of pepper was reduced from Rs. 694.77 per kg in the year 2016-17 to Rs. 473.73 per kg. in the year 2017-18, which was further reduced to Rs. 359 per kg. in June, 2018.

Several representations have been received from State Governments, public representatives, growers associations etc regarding the drastic fall in price of pepper. The various steps taken up by the Government to address the concerns raised includes inter-alia, the following:

- (i) Vide DGFT Notification dated 6/12/2017, Union Government fixed Rs.500/- per kg as Minimum Import Price for Black Pepper.
- (ii) Subsequently, amendment was brought out in the Minimum Import Price (MIP) Notification by making import of pepper over & above Rs.500/- per kilogram free and import below Rs.500/ per kg. - prohibited vide DGFT Notification dated 21/3/2018.
- (iii) To prevent import of cheap pepper from other countries taking advantage of the provisions of India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISLFTA) and Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), Sri Lankan Authorities have been requested to exercise extreme care and diligence in issuing the Certificates of Origin.
- (iv) Instruction has been issued to authorized officers of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and field formations of Customs to be vigilant at the point of entry in the ports in order to stop the possibility of entry of inferior quality pepper from other countries.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 913
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

IMPACT OF FTAs

913. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any mechanism to evaluate the impact of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) on domestic economy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to safeguard domestic economy after any such impact studies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has noticed that FTAs are always one sided and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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- (a) to (d) The evaluation of Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) is a continuous process. A Joint Study Group (JSG) is normally set up to study the feasibility of the proposed FTAs, including their impact on the domestic industry. Stakeholders including industry representatives, Apex Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Industry Associations as well as the Administrative Ministries and Departments are consulted from time to time. In order to protect the interests of the domestic industry and agriculture sector, FTAs provide for maintaining sensitive, negative or exclusion lists of items on which limited or no tariff concessions are granted. In addition, in case of surge in imports and injury to the domestic industry, a country is allowed to take recourse to trade remedial measures such as anti-dumping and safeguards on imports.
- (e) No Madam. The Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are negotiated on the basis of mutually beneficial outcomes and achieving overall balance for the trading partners.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 917
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

CSR FUNDS

917. SHRI SAUMITRA KHAN:

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

- (a) the details of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds of the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) under the Ministry spent in the last three years along with the areas where CSR funds were spent during the said period;
- (b) whether any review or follow up has been made in the last three years to know the benefits accrued due to CSR initiatives;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of CSR funds contributions made to PM's fund during the last three years; and
- (e) the details of CSR funds of the Ministry spent on amelioration of poverty and ensuring gender equality?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

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- (a) The details of CSR funds spent during the last three years of the CPSEs is given at Annexure-I.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Review or impact assessment is done by CPSEs themselves as a part of the project implementation process through in-house CSR teams. Impact assessment and monitoring of the projects are also done in some cases by hiring external agencies and through various NGOs.
- (d) No contribution has been made to PM's Fund during the last three years.
- (e) No CSR funds are available with the Ministry.

Annexure-1**MMTC****(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	45.00	Uttar Pradesh and Odisha	Environment and Swachh Bharat, Drinking Water, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund
2016-17	86.41	Odisha, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh	Promotion of Sports, Environment and Swachh Bharat, Drinking Water, Skill Development, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund
2017-18	125.90	Odisha, Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Rajasthan, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu	Promotion of Sports, Environment and Swachh Bharat, Drinking Water, Skill Development, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund, Social Welfare

STC**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	50.79	Haryana, Delhi/NCR, Andhra Pradesh	Skill Development, Environment and Swachh Bharat, Promotion of Art and Culture
2016-17	7.36	Delhi/NCR	Promotion of Art and Culture, Environment and Swachh Bharat
2017-18	13.71	All States/UT, Delhi/NCR	Skill Development, Environment and Swachh Bharat

PEC**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	33.07	Delhi, Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh	Environment and Swachh Bharat, Promotion of Health Care, Miscellaneous
2016-17	24.04	Delhi, Rajasthan and Haryana	Skill Development, Environment and Swachh Bharat, Promotion of Health Care, Promotion of Education
2017-18	In view of losses, no funds were allocated towards CSR for the Financial Year 2017-18		

ITPO**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	407.21	Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal	Environment and Swachh Bharat, Skill Development, Social Welfare, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund, benefits to armed forces veterans, war widows and their dependents
2016-17	292.00	Karnataka, Delhi Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh	Environment and Swachh Bharat, Skill Development, Social Welfare, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund, Promotion of Health care
2017-18	280.04	Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Delhi	Skill Development, Social Welfare, Promotion of Health care, Gender Equality

KTPO**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	2.50	Karnataka	Training and production activities
2016-17	2.50	Karnataka	Skill Training
2017-18	2.41	Karnataka	Promotion of Education

TNTPO**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	35.82	Tamil Nadu	Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
2016-17	48.06	Pan India	Environment and Swachh Bharat, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund
2017-18	50.78	Pan India	Environment and Swachh Bharat, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund

ECGC**(Rs. In Lakhs)**

Year	Amount of CSR Spent	State	Main Sector/ Development Area
2015-16	1426.10	Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, PAN India,	Environment and Swachh Bharat, contribution to Clean Ganga Fund, Drinking water, Promotion of Education, Promotion of Health care, Social Welfare
2016-17	503.45	Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, PAN India, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Haryana, Meghalaya, Assam West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh	Drinking water, Promotion of Education, Promotion of Health Care, Promotion of Sports, Environment and Swachh Bharat, Social Welfare, Skill Development
2017-18	655.81	Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Arunachal Pradesh, New Delhi, Tamil Nadu, North East, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, PAN India	Drinking water, Promotion of Education, Promotion of Health Care, Promotion of Sports, Environment and Swachh Bharat, Social Welfare, Skill Development, Contribution to Armed forces Flag Day
