*299. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:
Will the Minister of COMMERCE & INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has received any request from Telangana requesting for establishment of World Trade Centre in Hyderabad, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Central Government for establishment of World Trade Centre at the earliest;
(c) the details of the quantum of funds requested for this Trade Centre; and
(d) the quantum of funds released/being released for construction of World Trade Centre in Hyderabad, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 299 FOR ANSWER ON 29th MARCH, 2017 REGARDING “CONSTRUCTION OF WORLD TRADE CENTRE IN HYDERABAD”.

(a) & (b) : The State Government of Telangana had requested the Department of Commerce to approve their proposal to take up an EXIM Trade Facilitation Centre at Hyderabad, amongst other projects, under the State Component of the ASIDE scheme. The Department of Commerce had conveyed their approval in March 2015. However, the ASIDE scheme was subsequently delinked from support of the Centre from the year 2015-16 onwards, due to enhanced devolution of funds to the states, based on the recommendations of 14th Finance Commission. The State Governments have thereafter been requested to fund such projects in the pipeline from their increased devolution of funds.

Also, a reference was received from Government of Telangana in February 2016 for setting up of Hyderabad Trade Centre (HTC) in collaboration with India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), on the lines of Chennai Trade Centre (CTC) of Tamil Nadu Trade Promotion Organisation (TNTPO) and Bengaluru Trade Centre (BTC) of Karnataka Trade Promotion Organisation (KTPO). The matter was referred to ITPO and the State Government for collaboration. No proposal has since been received by ITPO from the State of Telangana in the matter.

(c) & (d) : Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2017

MEASURES TO PROTECT DOMESTIC INDUSTRIES

3040. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether in view of the protectionist tendencies emerging in the developed world, Government is considering any tariff or non-tariff measures to protect the domestic industries;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
(c) whether any such move is being contemplated specifically to protect the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): India being global and a growing market is increasingly facing challenges to the domestic industries. The ways to protect these domestic industries is by making them competitive and having appropriate standards to provide fair competition. In case GOI considers any measure as inconsistent with the WTO agreement and impacting our trade interest, it takes up the matter in the appropriate forum including the bilateral and multilateral forum (WTO Committee).

To safeguard the interest of domestic industries it has also taken a number of measures including, bringing in regulations to set standards for a number of products to discipline imports, strictly impose conditions of rules of origin, preference for domestic products including those of MSMEs in Government Procurement etc. One of the recent initiatives is “Make in India” initiatives which is meant to provide greater push to domestic manufacturing through a balanced and holistic approach.

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3041. KUMARI SELJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government is aware that the commerce and industry sectors have been badly
affected due to demonetisation;
(b) if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the special measures taken/being taken by Government to safeguard the commerce and
industry sectors from the impact of demonetisation?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): As given in Table below, the monthly merchandise data on exports has exhibited
continuous positive growth since September 2016 to February 2017.

Industrial Performance measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has shown
erratic behaviour in terms of growth rate since September 2016 as given in table below.

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<th>Month</th>
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<th>IIP (Pct Growth)</th>
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<tr>
<td>September</td>
<td>4.62</td>
<td>0.7</td>
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<td>October</td>
<td>9.59</td>
<td>-1.9</td>
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<td>November</td>
<td>2.29</td>
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<td>5.72</td>
<td>-0.1#</td>
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<td>January</td>
<td>4.32</td>
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<td>February</td>
<td>17.48*</td>
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Source: 1.) Merchandise Export (Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkata)
2.) IIP (Central Statistics Office)
*Quick Estimates (QE) and # Provisional
(c): A meeting was convened by Department of Commerce on 21st November, 2016 with Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) to assess the impact of demonetisation on the country's exports. A similar meeting was also convened by Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) to assess the impact of demonetization on 24th November, 2016.

The Government has received feedback from industry and trade associations. In order to mitigate their problem of liquidity crunch, the Government has taken several measures such as: all EPC’s have been advised to go cashless in respect of their payments; the coverage of the loans under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) implemented by Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) has been increased from ₹ 1 crore to ₹ 2 crore; the Credit Guarantee scheme has also been extended to loans for MSEs by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs); and Department of Financial Services (DFS) has issued an advisory to Banks regarding raising of working capital/cash credit limit for MSEs. Apart from this, as per the Reserve Bank of India’s Notification dated 30th January, 2017 the traders with current/ overdrafts/ cash credit accounts may now withdraw without any limit.

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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3042
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2017

FOODGRAIN EXPORTS TO THE UAE

3042. SHRI T. RATHINAVEL

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that India is considering special farms and infrastructure for foodgrain exports to the UAE;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether any agreements have been executed in this regard between the two countries; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) : No such proposal is under consideration in the Department of Commerce.

(b to d) : Does not arise in view of (a) above.

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3043
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2017

EXEMPTION OF SSIS FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF BARCODE

3043. SHRI DHARMAPURI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has made barcode compulsory for exports, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Confederation of Indian Pharmaceutical Industry has represented to exempt Small Scale Industry companies from implementation of barcode system for exports;
(c) if so, the details thereof; and
(d) the response of the Ministry to that request?

ANSWER

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

(a) With a view to protect the brand value of Indian pharma and counter the allegations against Indian Pharma Industry as exporter of spurious/counterfeit drugs, bar coding has been made mandatory only for the pharmaceutical exports (Formulations). Manufacturer or exporter of drug formulations will print the bar code as per GSI Global Standard at different packaging levels to facilitate tracking and tracing of their products as per the procedure prescribed vide DGFT Public Notice No.52/2015-2020 dated 5th January 2016.

(b) to (d) : Department of Commerce through Department of Pharmaceuticals had received a representation dated 2.7.2014 addressed to Hon'ble Prime Minister from SME Pharma Industries Confederation (India) highlighting

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various issues inter-alia the point alleging that barcoding for export of medicine was mandated by Department of Commerce without consulting the AD (Administrative) Ministry or SME Ministry. It was informed to SME Pharma Industries Confederation (India) that DGFT Public Notice No.21(RE-2011)/2009-2014 dated 10.1.2011 was issued to implement the bar code on drugs and pharmaceuticals meant for exports only. Prior to this several stakeholders consultation were held. It was also informed that Bar code system would be followed in phased manner. It had also been conveyed that Public Notice was amended about seven times on the request of the stakeholders vide (i) Public Notice No. 59(RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 30.06.2011 , (ii) Public Notice No. 87(RE-2010)/2009-2014 dated 22.12.2011, (iii) Public Notice No. 10(RE-2012)/2009-2014 dated 11.07.2012 , (iv) Public Notice No. 54(RE-2012)/2009-2014 dated 05.04.2013, (v) Public Notice No. 31(RE-2013)/2009-2014 dated 17.10.2013 (vi) Public Notice No. 56 (RE-2013)/2009-2014 dated 01.04.2014, (vii) Public Notice No. 58 (RE-2013)/2009-2014 dated 15.04.2014. Bar code system had become effective on Tertiary pack w.e.f. 1.10.2011 and on secondary pack w.e.f. 1.1.2013.

While vide DGFT Public Notice No.52/2015-2020 dated 5.1.2016, one time exemption to all manufacturers (SSI & Non-SSI Manufacturers) was given from maintenance of Parent-Child relationship in packaging and its uploading on central portal upto 31.3.2016, all SSI drug manufacturers were granted further exemption from the requirement of maintaining Parent Child relationship in packaging levels for a period upto 31st March, 2017.

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3044. SHRI RIPUN BORA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government has received proposals on free trade with foreign
countries/organisations;
(b) if so, the details of protected investment trade pact therein; and
(c) the bi-lateral business policies in terms of job opportunities and economic development
thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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(a) Yes Sir. The government has received proposals from Georgia and the Eurasian
Economic Union (EAEU) for negotiating Free Trade Agreements (FTAs). The Joint
Feasibility Study with Georgia will be conducted to study the feasibility of the proposed
FTAs. The Joint Feasibility Study Group Report between the Eurasian Economic Union
and its Member States and the Republic of India has been accepted and 1st meeting of
Trade Negotiation Committee will held after mutual consent.

Further, the government is negotiating the following trade agreements with other
country/block of countries with specific Chapters on Investment:-
(i) India - EU Broad based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA)
(ii) India – Sri Lanka Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreements (ETCA)
(iii) India - Thailand Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)
(iv) India - Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement
(CECPA)
(v) India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)
(vi) India - New Zealand Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)
(vii) India - Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)
(viii) BIMSTEC Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)
(ix) India – Canada Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
(x) Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement

(b)&(c) The agreements are likely to provide opportunities for generating economic growth and employment as well as increase mutual investment flows.

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SLUMP IN WHEAT EXPORTS DUE TO IMPORT DUTY

3046. SHRI PARTAP SINGH BAJWA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) the data pertaining to wheat exports in the last three years and the current year in the country and specifically Punjab;
(b) whether Government has taken cognizance of the opinion of experts' that the Zero Import Duty on wheat has led to slump in exports;
(c) what are the effects of Zero Import Duty on wheat on the farmers in the country; and
(d) whether Government is planning to compensate the farmers who suffer/have suffered losses due to the aforementioned policy, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) The data pertaining to wheat exports in the last three years and the current year in the country is given below. However, the state-wise export data in respect of wheat is not maintained.

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<th>Financial Year</th>
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<th>Value (Rs. in Crore)</th>
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<td>55,72,013</td>
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<td>2014-15</td>
<td>29,24,047</td>
<td>4,992</td>
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<td>2015-16</td>
<td>6,66,670</td>
<td>1,062</td>
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<td>2016-17*</td>
<td>2,31,458</td>
<td>393</td>
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<td>(Upto Jan,2017)</td>
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(Source: DGCI&S)* Provisional

(b) & (c) No such opinion of experts regarding zero import duty on wheat leading to slump in exports was received.

(d) In view of the reply at (b) and (c) above, the question does not arise.
3047. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) when was request from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh received in the Ministry for setting up of IIFT and Indian Institute of Packaging in Andhra Pradesh;
(b) whether it is a fact that a team from the Ministry visited Andhra Pradesh and surveyed land for this purpose;
(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the team;
(d) by when the above institutions are likely to be established; and
(e) what would be the estimated expenditure involved for the same?

ANSWER

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

(a): A request was received from the then Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri N. Kiran Kumar Reddy vide letter dated 21.02.2013 regarding sanction of a centre of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Afterwards a request was received from Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Sh. N. Chandrababu Naidu, vide letter dated 24.10.2015. A reply was sent on 09.05.2016 to the Andhra Pradesh Government regarding setting up branches of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A team from the Ministry visited Andhra Pradesh on 27.04.2016 to examine the sites offered by Andhra Pradesh Government for the proposed campuses of IIP and IIFT. The team found the proposed sites in and around the area of the SEZ being developed by the GMR appropriate for the campuses of IIFT and IIP. State Government has been requested to allot at least 50 acres of land at the proposed site including the Plot Nos. 247 and 248 of the Kakinada private SEZ as proposed/identified by the State Government and handing over the land free of cost at the earliest after demarcation.

(d) & (e): These can be finalised only after the land is allotted and DPR is prepared.

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SLUMP IN GLOBAL ALUMINIUM PRICES

3048. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that currently, there is a slump in global aluminium prices, because of a supply glut created by overproduction in China; and
(b) whether it is also a fact that the domestic industry is likely to get hurt because of dumping of aluminium by China, since imports accounts for 56 per cent of aluminium consumption in India?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): It has been reported that Global aluminium prices, as represented through average benchmark London Metal Exchange (LME) Cash settlement prices, had shown a slump in the past few years, but have shown some improvement in the latter part of the current financial year i.e. 2016-17.

It is estimated that imports of aluminium constituted roughly 51.5% of total domestic consumption during financial year 2015-16. India imports around 14-16% of its requirement from China.

Director General of Anti-dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) conducts anti-dumping investigations on the basis of applications filed by the domestic industry with prima-facie evidence of dumping of goods in the country, injury to the domestic industry and causal link between the dumping and injury to the domestic industry.

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3049. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government has imposed a ban on the import of electrical and electronic items;
(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the period for which the said ban has been imposed; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to prevent such imports and also to protect the indigenous industry?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) The Government vide Electrical Wires, Cables, Appliances and Protection Devices and Accessories (Quality Control) Order, 2003 and Electrical Transformers (Quality Control) Order, 2015 has brought 17 Electrical products under compulsory BIS certification. Further, vide the Energy Efficient Induction Motors – Three Phase Squirrel Cage (Quality Control) Order, 2017 Government has brought 'Three phase squirrel cage induction motors' also under compulsory certification w.e.f. 1 October 2017, thereby bringing a total of 18 products under compulsory certification of BIS.

Further, vide Electronics and Information Technology Goods (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2012, thirty Electronics and IT goods have been brought under compulsory BIS registration scheme.

As per these orders, no person shall by himself or through any person on his behalf manufacture or store for sale, import, sell or distribute above goods which do not conform to the specified standards and do not bear Standard Mark of the Bureau or the words “Self Declaration- conforming to IS (relevant Indian Standard) on such goods.

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3051
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2017

ESTABLISHMENT OF MANUFACTURING HUBS IN CLMV COUNTRIES

3051. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

(a) whether there is any proposal for creating manufacturing hubs in the CLMV countries (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam) to create regional value chains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government for expansion of markets of Indian products abroad?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): The Government has created a Project Development Fund (PDF) for Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam (CLMV) countries to facilitate Indian Investment & broaden manufacturing base of Indian companies in the region.

(c): Some of the major steps taken by the Department of Commerce to promote exports are:

i. The New Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) announced on 1st April, 2015 with a focus on supporting both manufacturing and services exports.

ii. FTP 2015-20 provides for new measures for increasing exports of goods & services including new schemes like Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS).

iii. Launching of a new scheme “Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)” with the objective to enhance export competitiveness by bridging gaps in export infrastructure, creating focused export infrastructure, first mile and last mile connectivity for export oriented projects and addressing quality and certification measures.

iv. Implementation of the Niryat Bandhu Scheme with an objective to reach out to the new and potential exporters including exporters from Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and mentor them
through orientation programmes, counseling sessions, individual facilitation etc. on various aspects of foreign trade.

v. **Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) clearances** project launched on 1st April, 2016 as part of “Ease Doing Business” initiatives.

vi. Launching of Interest Equalization Scheme on pre & post shipment credit to provide cheaper credit to exporters.

vii. Facility of access to duty free raw materials and capital goods for exports through schemes like Advance Authorization, Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) and drawback/refund of duties.

viii. Financial support to Trade Organizations for Exhibitions/fairs/buyer-seller meet/ B2B meetings, market research etc.

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3052. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether there is any proposal for merger of the Commodity Boards and set up an umbrella organisation;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
(c) what steps have been taken by Government during the last three years for boosting agri-exports?

ANSWER

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

(a) : No Sir. There is no proposal for merging of Commodity Boards and setting up an umbrella organization.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : Encouraging exports of agricultural products is a continuous process. Government takes regular measures to boost agri-export, which includes, inter alia, providing financial and technical assistance to the growers and other stakeholders for participation in trade fairs, exhibitions, buyer-seller meets, brand promotion, public relation campaigns and incentives for export of value added products. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) and Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3056
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2017

LOSS DUE TO NON-DEVELOPMENT OF SEZS

3056. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that many Special Economic Zone Developers, even after getting extension of validity period, did not take any effective steps to develop the SEZs;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether Government has made any assessment about the non-developing of SEZs, viz., loss of revenue lost job opportunities, etc.; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): In terms of Rule 6(2)(a) of the Special Economic Zones Rules, 2006, the Letter of Approval granted to a SEZ developer is valid for a period of three years within which time effective steps are to be taken by the developer to implement the approved proposal. The Board of Approval (BoA) under Department of Commerce may, on an application by the developer, extend the validity period of the letter of approval. No specific criteria for allowing extension of validity of Letter of Approval is laid down in the SEZ Rules, 2006. However, the Board of Approval considers factors like incremental investment made by the developer, physical progress in implementing the project and delays in obtaining clearances from statutory bodies and environmental clearance etc. while extending validity of Letter of Approval. Since the financial year 2012-2013 and the current financial year (upto 14th March, 2017), BoA has granted more time to 144 SEZ developers across the country to complete their projects. The details are at Annexure.

(c) and (d): No Sir. Special Economic Zones (SEZs) being set up under the SEZs Act, 2005 and SEZ Rule, 2006 are primarily private investment driven.

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State-wise number of SEZs granted extension of validity period (July, 2012 to March, 2017)

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3057. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that china made Ganesha idols made of clay have been entering markets in India especially before the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, almost every year in the recent past; and
(b) whether Government has taken any measures to protect idol makers from our country, if so, what is their nature and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Goods are imported into the country as per import policy laid down in Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) [ITC (HS)] Classification of Export and Import Items, 2017. Idols of Gods / Goddesses are not separately classified under ITC (HS), 2017, Schedule – I (Import Policy) and no separate import data and other related information regarding Ganesha Idols is available.

In a globalised world, import takes place when goods are either not available in domestic market or are priced less outside compared to domestic market. However, the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) provides safeguards against poor quality imports by providing for Domestic Laws/Rules/Orders/Regulations/Technical Specifications/Environmental/Safety and Health Standards applicable to domestically produced goods to be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to imports, unless specifically exempted.
3058. SHRI K. K. RAGESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether any export consignment of fruits and vegetables from India was rejected by the US and EU on account of non-tariff barriers during the last three years;
(b) if so, the commodity-wise and yearwise details thereof; and
(c) the details of reasons for which such rejections were made, if any?

ANSWER

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

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(a & b) As per the information available, there were 36 alerts received for export of fresh Fruits & Vegetables to EU. 41 number of shipments of fresh Fruits & Vegetables for export to USA, were issued import refusal. The details below are pertaining to fresh fruits and vegetables excluding processed form of agricultural products:

EU Alerts:

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Source: EU DG SANTE

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Source: USFDA

The rejections were imposed on the charge of adulteration, pesticide residue, Contamination, misbranding and 'product forbidden or restricted for sale'.

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3059. SHRI K. K. RAGESH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether any authentic reports about impact of Free Trade Agreements the India-Sri Lanka FTA, the India-ASEAN FTA and South Asian FTA, on Indian farmers of cash crops, are available;
(b) if so, what is the volume of loss suffered by the farmers of cash crops in India due to price fall resulted by FTAs, if any;
(c) if so, whether Government is proposing to review the FTAs; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a)&(b): No Sir, the Department of Commerce has not commissioned any study on the impact of the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (FTA), the India-ASEAN Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) and the Agreement on the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) on farmers of cash crops. However, while negotiating a free trade agreement (FTA), the Government takes a number of steps to protect the interest of domestic stakeholders and farmers by keeping cash crops in the negative list of the trade agreements to the extent possible. The government has largely adopted a conservative approach on cash crops in most Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) signed by India so far.

(c)&(d): Free Trade Agreements provide for a periodic review of implementation issues on the basis of mutual consent of the trading partners.

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3060. SHRI DEREK O’BRIEN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Ministry is taking steps to bring down barriers to trade and enhance the capacity of the country to engage better with the global trading network;
(b) whether the Ministry has an actionplan for the ratification of World Trade Organisation’s Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA); and
(c) whether the Ministry is taking any steps to introduce rules for services to ensure special and differential treatment for developing and poor nations?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes.

(b): India has ratified and submitted instrument of acceptance of Trade Facilitation Agreement to WTO in April, 2016. The TFA has come into force on 22nd February, 2017.

(c): India has recently tabled a draft legal test on trade facilitation in services at the WTO which includes a separate section on special & differential treatment for developing countries and LDCs.

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3061. SHRI D. RAJA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether it is a fact that Government failed to properly present India's stand to the US on Work-Visas in 2015-16 and 2016-17;
(b) what were the delays and lapses on the part of Government in its interactions with the US Government on H1-Visas and Work-Visas for Indians;
(c) what would be the losses to Indian professionals due to such lapses on the part of Government; and
(d) the steps proposed to enquire and place responsibility on officers or agencies responsible for the Visa failures?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Government of India continues to engage the US Administration for better access of its professionals in the US. H-1B & L-1 visa issues, including increase in visa processing fees, high rejection rates and other difficulties faced by the Indian services companies, have been raised with the US Government at various levels. India has also taken up the matter on US visa fee hike in the Dispute Settlement Body of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).
DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES IN ANDHRA PRADESH

3062. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether Government has taken up the development of Special Economic Zones in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of the places identified for this purpose; and
(c) the quantum of funds allocated and being released in the present financial year, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) and (b): In addition to Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone (SEZ) set up by the Central Government prior to the enactment of SEZs Act, 2005, 30 SEZs have been formally approved. Out of 30 SEZs, 24 SEZs have been notified and 19 SEZs are operational in the State of Andhra Pradesh. A statement showing list of SEZs in the States of Andhra Pradesh is at Annexure.

(c): Special Economic Zones (SEZs) being set up under the SEZs Act, 2005 and SEZ Rule, 2006 are primarily private investment driven. No funds are allocated by the Central Government for setting up of SEZ.

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**Notes:**
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3063 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2017

DISPLACEMENT DUE TO LAND ACQUISITION FOR SEZS

3063(H). SHRI SANJAY SETH

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:
(a) whether many people engaged in agricultural work as well as the rural artisans have been displaced due to the land acquisition for Special Economic Zones;
(b) whether Government proposes to provide employment to all these people in Special Economic Zones; and
(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Land is a State subject. The Board of Approval approves a proposal for establishment of an SEZ, subject to the terms and conditions prescribed under the SEZ Act and Rules. The approval is granted only upon the recommendation of the concerned State Government. Issues related to availability / provisioning of land for SEZs as well as addressing issues related thereto is in the domain of the State Government agencies concerned. As on 31.12.2016, an employment for about 17.11 lakh persons has been generated in different Special Economic Zones (SEZs).

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