

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015

TEA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

163(H). DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre, Kurseong and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- b) the budgetary allocation made and funds utilised by the tea centre during the last three years, year-wise along with major initiatives/research undertaken by the centre on tea;
- c) whether any new centre is proposed to be set up by Tea Board and other institutions for encouraging the research in tea and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to seek the co-operation of Agri universities and other research institutes in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- e) whether the Government also proposes to collaborate with the private sector to develop and augment the production of new varieties of tea and improve its quality and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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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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“TEA RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRE”**

(a): Upgradation of Darjeeling Tea Research and Development Centre (DTR&DC) is an ongoing activity initiated during the XIth Plan and is aimed at making DTR&DC, a Centre of Excellence for undertaking research and development work for Darjeeling Tea. Development of infrastructure, including extension of laboratory at DTR&DC, Kurseong, establishment of a Quality Control Laboratory (QCL) at Siliguri and provision of scientific instruments are elements of the said upgradation scheme.

(b): Details of receipt and expenditure of DTR&DC, Kurseong during the last three financial years are given below:

Year	Non-Plan & Plan	
	Receipt (Rs.)	Expenditure (Rs.)
2012-13	1,51,80,440	1,49,63,390
2013-14	1,01,79,030	1,12,16,900
2014-15	66,57,100	65,91,872

Major initiatives for development and research undertaken by the centre (including QCL) during the last three years include, inter alia, development of quality clones for Darjeeling Tea, determination of suitable pruning cycle for Darjeeling Tea, integrated nutrient management programme, studies on soil conservation, analysis of quality parameters of Darjeeling tea clones, studies on weed management, standardization of Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) parameters in tea at QCL, Siliguri and field trial on data generation for pesticide residues.

(c): At present, there is no proposal for setting up a new research centre by the Tea Board.

(d): Tea Board regularly undertakes activities aimed at research and training in association with agricultural universities and research institutions such as Tea Research Association (TRA), Tea Research Foundation (TRF) of United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI) and others. Tea Board provides assistance to Sikkim University, North Bengal University and Assam Agricultural University, inter alia, for conducting specialized courses on tea. Integrated research projects have been formulated in cooperation with reputed Research and Development institutes and universities, e.g. Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology, Palampur; Assam Agricultural University; C-DAC, Kolkata; IIT- Kharagpur etc.

(e): Tea Board, through the DTR&DC, has involved the private sector including privately run commercial tea estates in developing new cultivars useful for enhancing productivity of tea estates and improving tea quality.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1852
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TRADE AGREEMENTS

1852. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to sign agreements with trade blocks like Latin America Integration Associations (ALADI), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and ASEAN Free Trade Agreement (AFTA);
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating the countries in each of the above blocks along with the progress made in this regard so far; and
- c) the benefits likely to accrue to the country thereby?

ANSWER

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- (a) There are no proposals to sign any trade agreements with blocks like Latin America Integration Associations (ALADI), North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). However, there is an existing agreement with the ASEAN block on goods, services and investment.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1883
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TESTING CHARGES OF SPICES

1883. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- a) whether the Government has recently increased the analytical charges for testing of spices samples;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- c) whether the Government has received any complaints/representations against such price hike; and
- d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): The testing charges of spice samples for various quality parameters were increased by the Spices Board in 2014, effective from 01/04/2014. Prior to this, the revision of testing charges of spice samples had taken place in the year 2009. The increase in the testing charges for various types of samples effected in 2014 varies from 20% to 50%, depending on the cost of input such as chemicals & consumables etc. The testing charges are fixed having regard to the actual expenditure incurred on chemicals, equipment and incidental costs of analysis. However, as an export promotion measure, the Spices Board does not include the cost of sophisticated instruments, their maintenance and other infrastructure costs like electricity, water, salary of regular manpower and costs of NABL accreditation in the total cost for fixing the rates.

(c) & (d): Government is not aware of any complaint /representation made in this regard. Government extends through the Spices Board, 50% subsidy for testing of spice samples in case of mandatory testing for export for all consignments below five MTs. In the case of samples of Chilly received from farmers, Board provides 90% subsidy for testing the quality of spice samples.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1921
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TEA AUCTION CENTRE

1921. SHRI RAMESWAR TELI:

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to establish a Tea Auction Centre at Dibrugarh in Assam;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the details of grants and release of funds in different schemes to the State of Assam during the last three years?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): Presently, there is no proposal to establish a Tea Auction Centre at Dibrugarh in Assam.

(c): The details of grants and funds released by Tea Board to Assam during the last three years for various components of approved schemes implemented by the Tea Board is given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Grants and Fund Released to Assam under Different Activities During the Last Three Years

<u>Amount in (Rs.Crs.)</u>				
Component	Sub-Component	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Plantation Development	Replanting	25.770	22.230	14.210
	Rejuvenation	0.550	0.470	0.230
	Irrigation	0.930	2.380	1.010
	New Planting	4.100	5.410	8.020
	SHG	0.650	1.920	2.300
	Transport	1.660	-	-
	SUB TOTAL	33.660	32.410	25.770
Quality Upgradation and Product Diversification	Factory Modernization	15.110	0.300	-
	Value Addition	1.760	-	1.150
	Orthodox	5.410	10.720	11.140
	SUB TOTAL	22.280	11.020	12.290
Human Resource Development	Ambulance	0.100	0.280	-
	Medical Equipments	0.080	0.810	0.075
	Disabled Person	0.340	0.080	0.010
	Scholarship	0.500	0.110	0.020
	Educational Stipend	0.680	1.030	1.100
	Nehru Award	0.005	0.090	0.040
	Sports	0.010	0.010	-
	Scouts & Guides	0.130	0.060	0.010
	Vocational Training	0.170	0.580	0.200
	Awareness Program	0.180	0.270	-
	Workshop	0.040	-	-
	Capital Grant to Schools	-	-	0.420
	SUB TOTAL	2.235	3.320	1.875
Schedule Caste Sub-Plan		1.480	1.240	3.110
GRAND TOTAL		59.655	47.990	43.045

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**ORDINANCE FOR RESTRICTING EXTENSION
OF TEA GARDEN**

1927(H). SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

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

- a) whether the Government has taken note that Government of West Bengal had issued an order in 2001 prohibiting expansion of area of tea nursery and tea plantation in West Bengal;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the impact of the said order on small tea growers in the State indicating the number of tea growers affected thereby;
- d) whether the Union Government has taken up the matter with the State Government to review the said order;
- e) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the State Government thereto; and
- f) the present status of the matter?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): The Government of West Bengal has prohibited through an order issued on 23rd July, 2001 further development of tea nursery and tea plantation in new areas in North Bengal with effect from 30th June, 2001.

Under the provisions of Tea Act 1953, all the tea growers need to be registered with Tea Board after obtaining "No Objection Certificate" from the concerned State Government. In the absence of No Objection Certificate from Government of West Bengal, Tea Board is unable to register the small growers who have planted tea after 2001. Following the prohibition, the benefits of various subsidy schemes of the Tea Board could not be extended to these small growers. About 20,000 Small Growers in North Bengal are reported to be affected due to this development.

(d) to (f): The Central Government has taken up the matter with the State Government of West Bengal in July, 2015. The reply from the State Government has not been received.

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FALL IN TOBACCO PRICE

1932. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- a) whether the Government has taken note of drastic fall in price of tobacco in the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;
- b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- c) the impact of such fall in price on tobacco growers; and
- d) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to solve the problems faced by tobacco growers?

ANSWER

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- (a) & (b) The Government has taken note of fall in price of unmanufactured FCV tobacco, particularly in Andhra Pradesh. As per the auction status in the state of Andhra Pradesh by 24/07/2015, a quantity of 76.48 million kg was marketed and the average price realized was Rs.106.28 per kg as against Rs. 119.57 per kg during the corresponding period of last year. The decline in price is Rs.13.29 per kg. i.e. 11%.

Surplus global production including in India, subdued demand of FCV tobacco in the domestic & international markets, release of good volumes of cheap tobacco into market by China, greater turnout of low and medium variety of Indian crop due to bad weather etc. are major causes for fall in price.

- (c) & (d) Price realisation to growers is a factor of market dynamics and international events including demand and supply. However, any fall in prices is likely to adversely impact the growers. The Ministry has adopted multi-pronged strategy to address the issue:-

- i) The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs requesting them to issue necessary instructions to certain Indian Embassies abroad to explore opportunities to export tobacco to those countries.

ii) The Tobacco Board / Government has conducted a series of meetings with all concerned stakeholders resulting in some buoyancy in price realisations & quantities marketed in auction platforms lately.

iii) Tobacco Board has led trade delegation to Egypt and China to promote export of tobacco from India.

iv) Based upon RBI's circular dated 03.07.2015, a clarification has been issued to Tobacco Board to allow foreign buyers to participate in the auction process on cash & carry and retail basis in terms of the said circular.

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TECHNOLOGICAL BOOST TO MANUFACTURING SECTOR

1949. SHRI NIMMALA KRISTAPPA:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

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

- a) whether India is increasingly importing high tech and capital goods and exporting raw materials in return;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- c) whether there is a need to increase the technological depth for manufacturing sector to improve competitiveness and also for country's trade balance and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to amend its industrial policy or to bring a new industrial policy accordingly to suit present conditions;
- e) if so, the details thereof; and
- f) the strategies adopted by the Government to induce more depth and value-addition in country's manufacturing sector ?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): India's top commodity imports include petroleum crude, coal, coke and briquettes, organic chemicals, vegetable oils and plastic raw materials. Import of high tech and capital goods such as machine tools, electrical & non-electrical machinery, transport equipment, electronic goods and professional instrument, optical goods etc. was less than 12% of India's total imports in 2014-2015. The top commodity sectors of exports from India include petroleum products, drug formulations and biologicals, products of iron and steel, aircraft, spacecraft & parts and motor vehicles/cars while exports of raw materials viz. iron ore, mica coal and other ores, minerals including processed minerals accounted for less than 2% of India's total exports in 2014-2015.

(c) to (f): The Government has launched "Make in India" programme with 25 thrust sectors to provide a major push to manufacturing in India. An Investor Facilitation Cell has also been created in 'Invest India' to assist, guide, handhold and facilitate investors during the various phases of business life cycle. Information on 25 thrust sectors has been put up on 'Make in India's web portal (<http://www.makeinindia.com>) along with details of FDI Policy, National

Manufacturing Policy, Intellectual Property Rights and Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor and other National Industrial Corridors. The Government is continuously simplifying and rationalizing the processes for boosting investor sentiment, and creation of enabling business environment. Some of the recent initiatives towards this end include pruning the list of industries that can be considered as defence industries requiring industrial license, two extensions of two years each to the initial validity of three years of the industrial license, removal of stipulation of annual capacity in the industrial license, and deregulating the annual capacity for defence items for Industrial License.

Further, the Government is implementing various schemes for promoting technological upgradation and providing more depth and value addition in the country's manufacturing sector e.g. Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 which facilitates import of capital goods at zero duty to enhance our export competitiveness; and the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) of the Ministry of Textiles. Besides, various other Ministries and Departments of the Government of India such as Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Department of Heavy Industry, Department of Science & Technology etc. are also implementing several schemes for boosting manufacturing and upgradation of technology in their respective sectors.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1971
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**EXPORT/IMPORT OF DRY FRUITS AND THEIR
PRODUCTS**

1971. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- a) the quantum and value of dry fruits including cashew and their products exported and imported from/to the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- b) the benefits/facilities available to exporters of such products, particularly of cashew products;
- c) the further measures taken by the Government to boost export of dry fruits and providing more benefits/facilities to their exporters;
- d) whether any import duty has been imposed on the said products and there is any proposal to raise it further; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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- (a) the quantum and value of dry fruits including cashew (ITC HS Code 08013100) and their products exported and imported from/to the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise (top 5), are given below:

- (i) Export

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Crore

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (Apr-May)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
VIETNAM	4,354	23.34	3,976	22.19	15,875	134.81	54	68
PAKISTAN	21,330	103.24	18,339	138.80	15,253	193.70	3,058	33.28
SAUDI ARABIA	6,971	50.53	4,166	33.47	4,238	32.79	640	4.49
BANGLADESH	10,694	18.95	13,489	31.60	3,990	14.95	249	2.43
U A E	9,342	82.84	5,476	54.30	2,918	27.32	640	7.36
OTHERS	35,231	249.20	32,539	245.94	21,713	176.71	5,314	40.57
TOTAL	87,922	528.10	77985	526.30	63,987	580.28	9955	88.81

(Source: DGCI&S)

(ii) Import

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs.Crore

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(Apr-May)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
COTE D'IVOIRE	2,68,306	1,367.11	2,09,201	1,058.09	3,41,642	2,130.73	78,744	605.30
TANZANIA	1,45,107	1,052.26	1,11,934	892.17	1,40,330	1,261.49	12,799	109.31
PAKISTAN	1,07,531	441.44	1,28,635	589.34	1,31,536	604.09	14,540	70.16
BENIN	1,54,834	871.53	1,03,979	608.16	1,25,468	851.76	34,299	280.03
GUINEA BISSAU	1,09,627	764.90	1,14,702	676.32	1,23,834	964.08	-	-
OTHERS	2,36,235	1,535.72	2,49,132	1,614.74	2,25,690	1,794.24	51,188	423.36
TOTAL	10,21,640	6,032.96	9,17,583	5,438.82	10,88,500	7,606.39	1,91,570	1,488.16

(b)&(c) The Agricultural Processed and Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organization under the Department of Commerce, provides financial assistance/subsidy to the exporters under the Agriculture Promotion Plan Scheme under components like Infrastructure Development, Market Development, Quality Development etc. to promote export of APEDA's scheduled products including fruits and dry fruits.

Further, the Government has recently launched a new scheme namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters are incentivized for export of their goods/products to a specified markets including dry fruits. In addition, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to State for Development Export infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) etc. to boost export of agri products which includes dry fruits also.

(d) & (e) The import duty on dry fruits is given as under. Import duty is reviewed by the Government from time to time depending upon the requirements of that time.

Name of the nut	CTH	Customs Duty
Coconuts	0801 11 00/0801 12	70%
Brazil nuts (In-shell/Shelled)	0801 21 00/22 00	30%
Cashew nuts(In-shell)	0801 31 00	nil
Cashew kernel, broken	0801 32 10	45% or Rs 60/Kg whichever is higher
Cashew kernel, whole	0801 32 20	45% or Rs 75/Kg whichever is higher
Cashew kernel, broken	0801 32 90	45% or Rs 75/Kg whichever is higher
Almonds(In-shell)	0802 11 00	Rs 35/Kg
Almonds(Shelled)	0802 12 00	Rs 65/Kg
Hazelnuts(In-shell/Shelled)	0802 21 00/22 00	10%
Walnuts(In-shell/Shelled)	0802 31 00/32 00	30%
chestnuts(In-shell/Shelled)	0802 41 00/42 00	30%

Pistachios(In-shell/Shelled)	0802 51 00/52 00	10%
Macadamia nuts(In-shell/Shelled)	0802 61 00/62 00	30%
Kola nuts(masticatory and colour base in beverages)	0802 70 00	30%
Others	08029000	30%

(Source: Department of Revenue)

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1976
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SETTING UP OF SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

1976. SHRI PINAKI MISRA:
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:

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

- a) whether the Government has granted approval for setting up of new Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country during the current year;
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating the proposals received from various States/UTs and granted approval in this regard, State/UT-wise;
- c) whether the Government had fixed any target for employment generation, exports and investment in SEZs during the last three years;
- d) if so, the details thereof along with the extent to which said target have been achieved; and
- e) the target fixed in this regard for the current year?

ANSWER

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(a) and (b): During the current financial year 2015-16, the Board of Approval for Special Economic Zone(SEZ) has approved for setting up of following two SEZs:

Sl. No.	Name of Developer	Location of SEZs	Sector
1	Infosys Limited	Dharward District, Near Airport Hubli, Karnataka	Information Technology/ Information Technology Enabled Services (IT/ITES)
2	Mantri Developers Private Limited	Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	Electronic Hardware and Software including IT/ITES

(c) to (e): The Government does not fix targets for employment generation, exports and investment in SEZs. Exports, employment generated and investments made in SEZs during the last three years are as under:

Financial Year(s)	Exports (Rs. in Crores)	*Employment (Persons)	*Investment (Rs. in Crores)
2012-2013	4,76,159	10,74,904	2,36,717
2013-2014	4,94,077	12,83,309	2,96,663
2014-2015	4,63,770	14,42,316	3,38,794

*Calculated on cumulative basis.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1990
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SUBSIDIES TO RUBBER FARMERS

1990. SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN:

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

- a)* whether the Government has excluded/proposes to exclude rubber farmers in Kerala and Tamil Nadu from the subsidies they were entitled to for new planting and replanting of rubber;
- b)* if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- c)* the reaction of the Government for restoration of subsidies?

ANSWER

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

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

(a): No, Madam. There is no decision or proposal to exclude rubber farmers in Kerala and Tamil Nadu from the subsidies for new planting and replanting of rubber to which they are entitled as per Rules.

(b)&(c): Not applicable in view of reply in part (a).

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2011
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015

IMPORT DUTY ON COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS

2011. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:

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

- a) whether some State Governments have made requests to hike the import duty of certain commercial products;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the reaction of the Government on their requests, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Two representations have been received in the Ministry of Finance from State Governments of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh to hike Import Duty on Raw Silk from 10% to 30% or at least to 15%.

(c): The proposal for reduction in basic Custom Duty on Raw Silk from 15% to 10% was received in Ministry of Finance from Ministry of Textiles. The same was examined and Duty on Raw Silk (not thrown) was reduced from 15% to 10%, vide Notification No. 28/2015-Customs, dated 30th April, 2015 (G.S.R. 338(E), dated 30.04.2015). Ministry of Textiles is the nodal Ministry for matters relating to Silk and Central Silk Board monitors price of cocoon and yarn, arrival of cocoon and silk yarn in important markets, quantity of yarn/ raw silk being imported and change in price/ quantity, etc. Besides, the sericulturists are assisted under the ongoing schemes of the Central and State Governments as per field requirements. The prices of silk are dependent on various factors such demand and supply and other market conditions.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2024
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015

**RECOGNITION OF DIPLOMA BY FOOTWEAR DESIGN
AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE**

2024. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

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

- a) whether diplomas awarded by the Footwear Design and Development Institute have not been recognised, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- b) whether any representations have been received in this regard;
- c) if so, the details thereof; and
- d) the reaction of the Government on recognition of such diplomas?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b)-(c) Representations have been received with regard to grant of degrees by Mewar University to the FDDI students and not with regard to grant of diplomas by the Institute. The FDDI was offering stand alone Diplomas to the students till the year 2007. Based on the growing aspirations of students and their parents for acquiring degree in preference to a diploma, in the year 2010, FDDI converted all PG & UG Professional Diploma programmes in specialized field of Retail, Footwear, Fashion, and Leather Goods & Accessories Design into M.Sc. & B.Sc. The degree was granted in collaboration with IGNOU to enable FDDI students to acquire a UGC recognized degree along with sufficient professional & technical skills required in any corporate.

However, IGNOU discontinued all the programmes in the academic session 2012 when as many as 1250 students were enrolled for various B.Sc. and M.Sc. Programmes in collaboration with that University. Requests for renewal of MOU of IGNOU with FDDI did not fructify.

In such circumstances, FDDI published an advertisement in the newspaper for empanelment of a University for award of Degree to the students pursuing various professional programmes at FDDI. In response to the advertisement Mewar University applied for collaboration. FDDI signed an MOU with Mewar University to offer Degree programmes from academic session 2012.

As per the MoU the students were enrolled and registered with Mewar University Chittorgarh, Rajasthan from the academic year 2012. FDDI was responsible for short listing of eligible candidates for the said programmes, and providing technical and professional training at campuses. The information pertaining to degrees being awarded to the FDDI students by Mewar University was posted on the website of the Institute as well as the University.

However, the UGC, in September, 2014, has raised questions against the MoU between FDDI and Mewar University for grant of degree to FDDI students registered for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014 in light of the AICTE's non-recognition of its degree.

- (d) The Government is making best efforts to get the matter resolved through consultations with UGC, IGNOU, FDDI and Ministry of Human Resources Development.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2025
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015

ASSISTANCE CENTRE FOR PROMOTION OF EXPORT

2025(H). SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:

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

- a) whether the Government has established any assistance centre for promotion of exports, giving information regarding export related rules to farmers of the country, and for making farmers and small entrepreneurs of every State aware of export related rules; and
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating such centres established by the Government during last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Madam. Through 37 regional offices spread across different parts of the country, DGFT is implementing “Niryat Bandhu Scheme” for mentoring /handholding of new and prospective exporters/ entrepreneurs on various aspects of export. These benefits could be availed by any intending farmer exporter or small entrepreneurs. List of DGFT regional offices is given as annexure I. In addition, Agriculture and Process Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) also facilitates agricultural exports through a combination of measures:-

- (i) Through its 5 regional offices and 13 (virtual offices) offices run in collaboration with State Government agencies). APEDA has been making continuous efforts at reaching out to exporters, farmer exporters and State Government extensive machineries to disseminate information relating to agricultural exports. List of APEDA offices is given as annexure II.
- (ii) Through its ‘Agriculture Export Promotion Plan Scheme,’ APEDA has been trying to intensify exports of agricultural products.
- (iii) By creating an Agri Exchange portal available in the public domain information relating to product-wise, country-wise export performance, Sanitary & Phyto-sanitary (SPS) and non-tariff barriers for export of different agricultural products, tariff details etc. are provided for readymade availability of intending exporter. Agri Exchange portal also provides step by step details

of export requirements such as pre-shipment process, quality and hygiene, packaging, labeling, warehousing and cold storage facilities, export documentation process etc. Further details of scheme and facilities provided by APEDA is available in the website **www.apeda.gov.in**.

- (iv) APEDA also organizes various training programmes for farmers such as pre and post harvest training /seminar etc for products such as basmati rice, organic products, fresh fruits and vegetables etc. For strengthening of backward linkages for export oriented production of fruits and vegetables, interactive workshops etc. are also organized.
- (v) Apart from APEDA, other organizations like Tea Board and Coffee Board are promoting schemes for plantation/ re-plantation of tea and coffee. Tea Board has a scheme approved under the 12th plan for small Tea growers. Further details of the scheme for small farmers is available in the website www.teaboard.gov.in.

ANNEXURE I**LIST OF REGIONAL OFFICES (REGIONAL AUTHORITIES) OF DGFT**

S. No	Location of Regional Authority (regional office)	State
1	Ahmedabad	Gujarat
2	Amritsar	Punjab
3	Bengaluru	Karnataka
4	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
5	Chandigarh	Haryana
6	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
7	Delhi	Delhi
8	Cochin	Kerala
9	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu
10	Cuttack	Orissa
11	Dehradun	Uttarakhand
12	Goa	Goa
13	Guwahati	Assam
14	Hyderabad	Telengana
15	Jaipur	Rajasthan
16	Jammu	Jammu & Kashmir
17	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
18	Kolkata	West Bengal
19	Ludhiana	Punjab
20	Mumbai	Maharashtra
21	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
22	Moradabad	Uttar Pradesh
23	Nagpur	Maharashtra
24	Panipat	Haryana

25	Patna	Bihar
26	Puducherry	Puducherry
27	Pune	Maharashtra
28	Raipur	Chhattisgarh
29	Rajkot	Gujarat
30	Shillong	Meghalaya
31	Srinagar	Jammu & Kashmir
32	Surat	Gujarat
33	Trivandrum	Kerala
34	Vadodara	Gujarat
35	Varanasi	Uttar Pradesh
36	Vishakhapatnam	Andhra Pradesh
37.	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh

ANNEXURE II

APEDA HEADQUARTERS

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New Delhi - 110 016, India

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APEDA REGIONAL OFFICES

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Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
4th Floor, Unit No. 3 & 4 , Banking Complex Bldg. No.II, Sector 19/A, Vashi
New Mumbai-400 705

HYDERABAD

Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
8th Floor, Chandra Vihar Building, M.J.Road, Hyderabad-500001

KOLKATA

Agricultural and Processed Food
Products Export Development Authority
Mayukh Bhavan, Bidhan Nagar,
Kolkata-700 091

BANGALORE

Agricultural and Processed Food
Products Export Development Authority
12/1/1 , Palace Cross Road,
Bangalore-560 020

GUWAHATI

Agricultural and Processed Food
Products Export Development Authority
3rd Floor G.S. Road, Opp. Old Post Office Jain Complex, Guwahati-781005

LIST OF APEDA VIRTUAL OFFICES

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2055
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015
MISSING FILES ON SEZ ALLOCATION

2055. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

- a) whether several files relating to allocation of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are reportedly found missing, and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- b) whether any inquiry has been made by the Government in this regard and if so, the details and the outcome thereof including the action taken/being taken against the erring officials;
- c) whether any inquiry has also been initiated by the Government against the corporate beneficiaries reportedly by passing norms in SEZ land allocation; and
- d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with the action taken in the matter?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) and (b): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India in its Report for the year 2012-13 on Performance of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) has observed that 47 files were not produced to Audit. On scrutiny it has been found that all the files except five are available in the Department and were made available to the Audit. The remaining five files relating to setting up of Central Government SEZs, which are of 30-50 years old, could not be located. As per record retention schedule of Department of Commerce, the retention period of these files has expired.

(c) and (d): As per Entry No. 18 of the State List in the 7th schedule of the Constitution of India, land is a State subject. Land for SEZs is provided by the concerned State Governments. The Board of Approval (BoA) on SEZs only considers those proposals which have been duly recommended by the State Governments. Since land is a State subject, State Governments are free to frame any law/rule on the subject. If any violation of the SEZ provisions are noticed action is taken under the SEZ laws.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2058
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015

DUMPING OF IMPORTED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

2058. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:
ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:
SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE:

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

- a) whether the Government has taken note of dumping of fruits and vegetables including apple and garlic by some foreign countries in India, thus affecting farmers and fruit growers adversely and if so, the facts thereof;
- b) whether the Government has received requests from various quarters including public representatives to put some fruits and vegetables in 'special products' category and increase tariff on imported fruits and vegetables within the framework of World Trade Organisation (WTO) rules;
- c) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- d) the other corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government to protect and domestic fruits and vegetables growers in the country?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) under the Department of Commerce, conducts anti-dumping investigations on the basis of a duly substantiated petition filed by the Domestic Industry alleging dumping of goods into the country causing injury to the Domestic Industry. However, no petition/application, duly substantiated, has been filed in DGAD by the Domestic Industry alleging injury due to dumping of fruits and vegetables, including apple and garlic, by some foreign countries into India.
- (b&c) The Government has received few references from various quarters including public representatives, for increasing the import duty on apples and putting apples in the Special Products category.

The present import tariff is 50% which is also the Bound Rate of Duty agreed to in GATT/WTO. As such, there is no scope for increase in tariff rates under the present WTO regime.

In so far as putting apples in Special Products category is concerned, India does not have the flexibility of designating any agricultural product as Special Product till Doha Round, which is underway since 2001, is concluded. Even designating apples as a Special Products will not enable India to raise tariffs. Such Special Products would either undergo no reductions in import duties or would undergo lower reductions in import duties than would be applicable to other agricultural products.

- (d) The Government provides assistance under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented during XII Plan, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector including fruits and vegetables.

The Government is also implementing number of measures and incentives for promoting the exports of fruits and vegetables under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils etc. which are likely to benefit the entire horticulture industry. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce, under various components of its plan scheme viz. Market Development; Infrastructure Development; Quality Development; and Transport Assistance, extends financial assistance to the eligible exporters. Besides these measures, incentives under Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) are available for export of Fruits and Vegetables.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2068
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST JULY 2015

INTER-STATE TRANSPORT GRANT TO STATES

2068(H). SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:
SHRI ABHISHEK SINGH:
SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

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

- a)* whether the land locked States face problems arising out of heavy expenditure incurred and time spent on transportation of goods from sea ports;
- b)* if so, the efforts made by the Government to make export/import from such States more competitive;
- c)* whether the Government proposes to provide inter-State transport grant to such States and has received proposals from States for such grants; and
- d)* if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Govt. thereon, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) and (b) : Yes, Madam. Improving hinterland connectivity with the sea ports and the export logistics is a continuous ongoing process, which involves a wide gamut of activities including improving road and rail connectivity. Further, in order to make export from States, including the landlocked States, more competitive, the Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) of Department of Commerce through its 37 regional offices located in different States of the country is providing facilitation to exporters in regard to development of International trade and implementation of Foreign Trade Policy which includes, inter alia, issue of Import-Export Code, licenses / scrips / incentives etc to the exporters. In addition, the DGFT is implementing a scheme namely “Niryat Bandhu Scheme” for mentoring/handholding of new and prospective exporters / entrepreneurs on various aspects of international trade/ exports through orientation / training programmes, seminars, conferences etc.

(c) and (d) : Government does not have a transport subsidy scheme specifically for export / import for such States.
