

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 267
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

INDIA-CANADA ANNUAL MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE

***267. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**
SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

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

- (a) whether the third India-Canada Annual Ministerial Dialogue was held on 29 September, 2016 at Toronto and if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed therein;
- (b) whether India and Canada have agreed to cooperate at the International Fora on Trade Facilitation Agreement on Services as well as the unfinished agenda items of Doha Round and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether both sides have appreciated the need for early institutionalization of the CEO Forum mechanism which would be instrumental in forming an organic link and suggest the issues concerning the trade to the Government and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether India has taken up the issue of Canada's Temporary Foreign Workers Entry Programme which has acted as a barrier for the Indian IT companies; and
- (e) if so, the response of the Government of Canada thereto?

ANSWER

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

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

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
QUESTION NO. 267 FOR ANSWER ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016 REGARDING “INDIA-
CANADA ANNUAL MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE”**

- (a) Yes, Madam . The third India-Canada Annual Ministerial Dialogue was held on 29-09-2016 between the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and the Trade Minister of Canada MsChrystia Freeland, at Toronto.

The discussion covered outstanding trade and investment related issues and among other things, focused on expanding bilateral trade, having more B 2 B interface with constitution of CEO Forum by Canada and regular interaction between the CEOs on both sides. Discussions also took place regarding taking forward the ongoing negotiations of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and Foreign Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement (FIPA).

- (b) India and Canada agreed to cooperate at the International Fora on issues of common interest.
- (c) Yes, Madam. Canadian side assured to work quickly to constitute the Canadian list of members of CEO Forum and work out modalities for greater B 2 B interface.
- (d) Yes, Madam.
- (e) The Trade Minister of Canada assured to look into the issues.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

***270. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:**

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

- (a) the details of various exhibitions and international trade fairs organized at Pragati Maidan, Delhi during the last three years and the current year along with the expenditure incurred thereon and the revenue earned by the Government therefrom during the said period;
- (b) whether the India International Trade Fair was organised recently and if so, the details thereof and the main theme of the said fair along with the total number of visitors who attended the fair;
- (c) the details of foreign companies and countries participated in this fair along with the number of MoUs signed and quantum of foreign exchange earned therefrom;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up new trade fair complexes and organise such international trade fairs in other parts of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details and the status thereof along with the time by which new trade fair complexes are likely to be set up including the other steps taken to boost trade through such trade fairs in the country?

ANSWER

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
QUESTION NO. 270 FOR ANSWER ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016 REGARDING
“INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR”**

(a): The details of various exhibitions and international trade fairs organised at Pragati Maidan, Delhi during the last three years and the current year along with the revenue earned by India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) there from during the said period are attached as Annexure-I. The income and expenditure on ITPO's own fairs is attached as Annexure- IA.

(b):Yes, Madam. The India International Trade Fair (IITF),2016 was organised from 14thto 27th November, 2016. The theme of the IITF, 2016 was “Digital India”. The total number of visitors at IITF 2016 was approximately fourteen (14) lakhs.

(c): 215 foreign companies from 22 countries participated in the IITF, 2016.

One Memorandum/Contract for participation was signed by the ITPO with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus and the Exhibition Unitary Enterprise “BELINTEREXPO” of the Belarusian Chamber of Commerce & Industry regarding their participation in IITF, 2016.

An amount of US\$6, 88,663 approximately has been received through participation of 215 Overseas Companies in IITF, 2016.

(d) & (e): ITPO has established two Centres at Chennai and Bangalore – Tamil Nadu Trade Promotion Organisation (TNTPO) and the Karnataka Trade Promotion Organization (KTPO) respectively in collaboration with their respective State Governments. As an expansion plan for KTPO, the Board of Directors (BoD), KTPO has recently approved a proposal to construct new Exhibition cum Convention Hall of 4000/5000 sq. mtrs. BoD of TNTPO has also recently approved expansion plan to construct 16000 -17000 sq.mtrs. of exhibition space at TNTPO.

Further, the BoD of ITPO has also approved setting up of a joint venture between ITPO and Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA) at Kochi.

In addition, The Department of Industrial Policy Promotion (DIPP) is undertaking a world class state-of-the-art Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (ECC) in Sector 25, Dwarka, New Delhi. The Union Cabinet in the meeting held on 23.03.2016 gave its approval for creation of the ECC comprising a host of independent and mutually beneficial facilities like exhibition halls,

convention centres, banquet halls, auditoria, arena, financial centre, hotels, Food & Beverage (F&B) outlets & retail services in Sector 25, Dwarka, New Delhi. Planning and development activities for the project have commenced. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has transferred 89.5832 Ha. of Land to DIPP for the purpose in September, 2016. Development of the ECC Dwarka is proposed to be taken up in a phased manner and the first phase is likely to be completed by 2019-20.

To boost trade through trade fairs ITPO, apart from trade fairs at Pragati Maidan, also organised international trade fairs in other parts of the country. These are (i) India International Leather Fair, Chennai, (ii) India International Leather Fair, Kolkata (iii) Aahar–International Food & Hospitality Chennai & Bangalore (held in alternate year). Further, ITPO has revived the Texstyles India, International Textile and Machinery Show at New Delhi.

FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY OTHER AGENCIES DURING 2013-14		
S No.	DESCRIPTION	(Rs. in Lakhs)
1	GRIDTECH 04/13	197.06
2	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 04/13	35.66
3	INDIA INTL JEWELLERY WEEK DELHI 04/13	61.59
4	INDIA GEM & JEWELLARYFAIR 04/13	94.84
5	TIMES EDUCATION BOUTIQUE 5/13	44.19
6	INDIA WAREHOUSING / MATERIAL SHOW 05/13	93.33
7	FASHION SHOW & EXH OF STUDENTS WORK 5/13	14.06
8	HT CONSUMER ELECTRONICS FAIR 05/13	13.95
9	EDUCATUS EXPO 6/13	19.39
10	INFRA EDUCA 06/13	13.06
11	JUMBO JOB & CAREER FAIR 06/13	21.09
12	AAJEEVIKA DIWAS 06/13	69.61
13	INDIA INTERNATIONAL GARMENT FAIR 07/13	242.32
14	INDIA MACHINE TOOLS SHOW 07/13	102.09
15	INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE/HORT XPO 07/13	35.85
16	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 7/13	23.77
17	TIMES EDUCATION FORUM 7/13	5.01
18	MEDIA / GIFTS/ WORLD / OFFICE EXPO 07/13	100.81
19	TOY BIZ INTERNATIONAL 07/13	56.10
20	BEAUTY & SPA EXPO 07/13	26.57
21	DELHI DENTAL SHOW 07/13	37.27
22	EXPO RIVA SCHUH INDIA 07/13	96.67
23	INTERNATIONAL LAB EXPO 07/13	6.68
24	SWAVLAMAM 07/13	45.85
25	MODERN MACHINE SHOP 8/2013	119.80
26	JEWELLERY WONDER 09/13	96.91
27	ELECTRONICA & PRODUCTRONICA INDIA 09/13	253.30
28	WAVES POOL SPA BATH INTL EXPO 09/13	44.43
29	DELHI JEWELLARY & GEMS FAIR 09/13	81.95
30	UNITED ART FAIR 9/13	247.98
31	INDIAN PHARMA EXPO 09/13	18.74
32	PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY INDIA 09/13	47.39
33	MAGICBRICKS/PRESENT INDIA PROPERTY-09/13	29.53
34	PAPEREX 10/13	521.19
35	INTL RAILWAY EQUIP EXH (IREE) 10/13	238.06
36	FRANCHISE EXPO 10/13	85.71
37	INDIA CORR EXPO 10/13	99.76
38	SMARTCARD EXPO 10/13	56.13
39	WILLS LIFESTYLE INDIA FASHION WEEK 10/13	335.41
40	NATIONAL LEVEL EXH & PROJ COMPT 10/13	502.93
41	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 10/13	9.24
42	INDIA COMPOSITES SHOW 10/2013	30.89
43	LED EXPO 12/13	124.45
44	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 12/13	37.54
45	TIMES EDUCATION EXPO 12/13	16.86
46	FINE FOOD INDIA 12/13	97.71

47	ET ACETECH 12/13	1,119.24
48	WIN INDIA/MDA/IA/CE MAT/LASER 12/13	266.30
49	CHINA SOURCING FAIR 12/13	236.28
50	HOSPITAL BUILD & INFRASTRUCTURE 12/13	41.73
51	EXPODENT INTERNATIONAL INDIA 12/13	209.62
52	TEX TRENDS INDIA 01/14	364.00
53	CONVERGENCE INDIA INTL EXH & CONF 01/14	235.38
54	SATTE 1/2014	274.44
55	BES EXPO 01/14	102.37
56	IND PACK 01/14	56.98
57	MAGICBRICKS.COM INDIA PROPERTY SHOW01/14	24.86
58	TATA TRUCK LAUNCH 01/14	32.86
59	DEFEXPO INDIA 02/14	1,415.27
60	ACREX 02/14	434.59
61	AUTO EXPO 02/14	784.41
62	NEW DELHI WORLD BOOK FAIR 02/14	1,545.63
63	EFY EXPO 02/14	58.51
64	FENSTERBAU / FRONTALE INDIA 02/14	80.05
65	ISRMAX INDIA / IAI EXPO 02/14	32.80
66	WILLS LIFESTYLE INDIA FASHION WEEK 03/14	335.38
67	TATA MOTORS VEHICLE LAUNCH EVENT 03/14	23.70
		12,227.14

FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY OTHER AGENCIES DURING 2014-15		
S No.	DESCRIPTION	(Rs. in Lakhs)
		REVENUE
1	EXPODENT INETRNLATIONAL INDIA 12/14	206.78
2	INDIA INTERNATIONAL GARMENT FAIR 07/14	236.65
3	TIMES EDUCATION BOUTIQUE 5/14	48.51
4	AMTEX / ELASIA 07/14	289.56
5	MINERAL METAL METALLURGUY MATERIAL 09/14	211.25
6	BES EXPO 01/15	86.26
7	SMART CARD EXPO 10/14	80.74
8	CONVERGENCE INDIA 01/15	215.80
9	MEDIA GIFT OFFICE EXPO 08/14	110.64
10	LED EXPO 12/14	174.72
11	INDIA RUBBER EXPO & TYRE SHOW 01/15	275.92
12	NEW DELHI WORLD BOOK FAIR 02/15	1,453.06
13	LABEL EXPO INDIA 10/14	304.10
14	HEIMTEXTIL INDIA 6/14	63.31
15	CONSUMER ELECTRONIC IMAGING FAIR 1/15	281.36
16	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 7/14	4.26
17	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 3/15	33.37
18	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 12/14	32.19
19	INDIA WAREHOUSING SHOW 07/14	88.17
20	POWERGEN INDIA & CENTRAL ASIA 5/14	132.25
21	ET ACETECH 12/14	952.75
22	ACMA AUTOMECHANIKA 02/15	416.93
23	AQUATECH INDIA 05/14	62.77
24	SECUTECH INDIA 06/14	54.14

25	SATTE 01/15	261.17
26	TECH INDIA IMEX CWE & UMEX 09/14	62.12
27	LIGHT INDIA 09/14	303.67
28	TIMES EDUCATION EXPO 12/14	19.42
29	ELECTRONICS FOR YOU EXPO 02/15	82.40
30	MEDICAL FAIR INDIA 03/15	245.16
31	INFRA EDUCA 06/14	11.39
32	INTL AGRI,HORTI & CON-CURRENT SHOW 07/14	45.35
33	INTERNATIONAL POLICE EXPO 07/14	10.02
34	DELHI JEWELLERY & GEM FAIR 09/14	121.73
35	WORLD DIDAC INDIA 09/14	98.41
36	PALM EXPO 09/14	32.43
37	INDIA MATTRESS EXPO 07/14	44.85
38	SAFETY EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE 07/14	39.04
39	PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY INDIA 09/14	49.47
40	PACK PLUS / SUPPLY PLUS 06/14	134.17
41	FRANCHISE INDIA 10/14	84.37
42	WORLD AYURVEDA CONGRESS 11/14	154.32
43	JEWELLERY WONDER 09/14	113.51
44	INDIAN DJ EXPO 07/14	45.72
45	WAVES POOL SPA BATH EXPO 09/14	9.06
46	ZAK GLASS TECH/DOORS/WINDOWS 12/14	263.47
47	INDIAN PHARMA EXPO 10/14	24.22
48	PLAST INDIA 02/15	512.07
49	AMBIENTE INDIA 06/14	33.90
50	WATERTECH 09/14	57.64
51	IFSEC INDIA 12/14	227.73
52	WALLEX & FLOOR TECH 06/14	10.37
53	WIN INDIA/MDA/IA/CE MAT/LASER 12/14	227.45
54	TOY BIZ INTERNATIONAL 07/14	59.49
55	INTERNATIONAL BEAUTY & SPA EXPO 07/14	27.86
56	FASHION SHOW 05/14	21.35
57	INTERNATIONAL AVIATION CONCLAVE 12/14	99.40
58	INDIA CARPET EXPO 03/15	205.00
59	RETAIL SOURCE INDIA DOMESTIC GARMENT7/14	45.85
60	MATRIMONY EXPO 08/14	20.97
61	SILK PARADISE 10/14	40.19
62	STUDENTS FASHION SHOW / EXHIBITION 05/14	2.95
63	IN OPTICS 02/15	145.97
64	LIFESTYLE PAKISTAN EXHIBITION 09/14	355.02
65	INTERNATIONAL ENGG & TECH FAIR 2/15	358.22
66	EDUCATUS EXPO I- 06/14	21.92
67	ASUS ZENFONE LAUNCH 07/14	8.39
68	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 06/14	18.83
69	TEX TREND INDIA 01/15	288.25
70	THE LUXURY FESTIVAL 03/15	4.26
71	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 09/14	33.27
72	EDUCATUS EXPO - II 06/14	5.73
73	WELD INDIA EXHIBITION 04/14	176.24
74	KISAN DELHI-AGRICULTURE TRADE FAIR 02/15	69.01
75	WILLS LIFESTYLE INDIA FAHION WEEK 10/14	301.93
76	RETAIL SOURCE INDIA 01/15	12.12

77	SEIZERS NATIONAL PROPERTY EXPO 09/14	5.38
78	INDIA WATER WEEK 01/15	103.73
79	NATIONAL LEVEL EXH & PROJ COMPT 10/14	308.98
80	21 YEAR OF PROGRAMME AAPKI ADALAT 12/14	100.47
81	AROGYA EXPO 11/14	197.99
82	BIKE EXPO 01/15	55.57
83	PALM EXPO 03/15	10.42
84	AMAZON INDIA FASHION WEEK 03/15	307.50
		12,552.38

FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY OTHER AGENCIES DURING 2015-16		
		(Rs. in Lakhs)
S No.	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE
1	INDIA INTERNATIONAL GARMENT FAIR 07/15	213.14
2	ET ACETECH 2015 12/15	988.53
3	SMARTCARDS EXPO 09/15	80.80
4	PAPEREX 11/15	556.26
5	NEW DELHI WORLD BOOK FAIR 01/16	1,357.62
6	EXPODENT INTERNATIONAL INDIA 12/15	209.00
7	INDIA INTERNATIONAL GARMENT FAIR 01/16	269.91
8	MEDIA EXPO 07/15	116.02
9	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FAIR 06/15	0.82
10	EDUCATUS EXPO 06/15	24.07
11	CONVERGENCE INDIA 01/16	234.62
12	IFSEC INDIA 12/15	293.73
13	LED EXPO 12/15	214.81
14	DELHI MACHINE TOOLS EXPO 07/15	134.03
15	TIMES EDUCATION BOUTIQUE 05/15	48.92
16	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 07/15	19.70
17	SATTE 01/16	281.69
18	HEIMTEXTIL INDIA 06/15	109.54
19	AMBIENTE INDIA 06/15	26.91
20	FIRE INDIA EXHIBITION & CONFERENCE 10/15	222.15
21	INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY EQUIPMNT EXH 10/15	302.63
22	ELECTRONICA INDIA & PRODUCTRONICA INDIA	254.38
23	GRIDTECH 04/15	205.76
24	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 12/15	22.76
25	DELHI DENTAL SHOW 07/15	4.77
26	IAI EXPO - INTL ANIMAL IND EXPO 05/15	9.73
27	SMART CITIES INDIA EXPO 05/15	101.64
28	AUTO EXPO COMPONENTS 02/16	1,155.81
29	DELHI JEWELLERY & GEM FAIR 09/15	197.05
30	INDIAN DJ EXPO 07/15	50.02
31	INDIA WAREHOUSING SHOW 07/15	88.18
32	POWER GEN INDIA & CENTRAL ASIA 05/15	120.87
33	AQUATECH INDIA 08/15	67.81
34	PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY 07/15	34.90
35	BEAUTY & SPA EXPO 07/15	38.61
36	GIFT WORLD & OFFICE EXPO 07/15	37.67
37	INTERNATIONAL POLICE EXPO 05/15	11.97

38	COSMO TECH EXPO 07/15	29.61
39	INDIA MACHINE TOOL SHOW 07/15	106.11
40	ADMISSION FAIR 05/15	21.50
41	INTL AGRI & HORTI EXPO CONCURRENT 07/15	40.20
42	JEWELLERY WONDER 09/15	104.38
43	FRANCHISE INDIA 10/15	84.74
44	PACK PLUS / SUPPLY PLUS 07/15	140.43
45	IPCA ELECTRONICS EXPO 08/15	38.43
46	PRIVATE LABEL PRODUCTS SHOW 08/15	19.86
47	LASER WORLD OF PHOTONICS INDIA 09/15	46.45
48	ASIA LABEX 08/15	31.91
49	TOY BIZ INTERNATIONAL 04/15	86.89
50	FIRST GLOBE EXHIBITION ON SERVICES 04/15	715.82
51	PLASTASIA EXHIBITION 03/16	361.56
52	INDIAN PHARMA EXPO 10/15	25.15
53	WIN INDIA 12/15	180.71
54	INDIA KITCHEN & BATH 08/15	61.77
55	AVINSTALL+PRO SOUND & LIGHT 08/15	61.99
56	PRO SOUND & LIGHT EXPO 08/15	14.73
57	INDIA KITCHEN & CABINETRY SHOW 03/16	14.75
58	IREX INDIA 12/15	85.67
59	IAI FOOD PROMACH 08/15	2.63
60	ADVANTAGE HEALTHCARE INDIA 10/15	107.84
61	INDIA MSME EXPO 08/15	35.91
62	CABLE & WIRE FAIR 12/15	61.10
63	INFRA EDUCA 06/15	11.70
64	HONDA BIKE LAUNCH 8/15	41.80
65	ABAS GLOBAL TRADE FAIR 08/15	39.52
66	VIVO PRODUCT LAUNCH EVENT 07/15	57.15
67	JEWELLERY WONDER ELITE 09/15	57.54
68	PERSONAL CARE INDIA EXPO 08/15	48.77
69	MICROSOFT WINDOWS 10 LAUNCH - UPGRADE SO	24.49
70	AIFPA FOOD SHOW 08/15	29.75
71	PLUGGED IN 12/15	15.34
72	EV EXPO (E-RICKSHAW SPECIAL) 12/15	71.91
73	INTERNATIONAL FOODTEC INDIA / INTL PACKE	219.22
74	ALL INDIA JEWELLERY SHOW(AIJS) 02/16	6.39
75	DESTINATION NORTH EAST 02/16	64.52
76	HONOR MOBILE LAUNCH 01/16	14.86
		11,289.93

FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY OTHER AGENCIES DURING 2016-17 PROVISIONAL UPTO OCTOBER'2016		
		(Rs. in Lakhs)
S No.	DESCRIPTION	REVENUE
1	INDIA WATER WEEK 5-8/4	146.00
2	TIMES PROPERTY EXPO 8-10/4	33.55
3	INDO PAK LIFE STYLE 5-9/5	25.00
4	SMART CITIES EXPO 11-13/5	139.26

5	WATER EXPO 4-6/5	61.50
6	ADMISSION FAIR 14-15/5	25.97
7	WORLD OF CONCRETE 18-20/5	28.30
8	POWER GEN INDIA 18-20/5	113.90
9	FASTENER FAIR 19-20/5	29.37
10	TIMES EDUCATION BOUTIQUE 20-22/5	42.60
11	EDUCATION EXPO 4-5/6	43.34
12	INDIA WAREHOUSING 8-10/6	65.00
13	INFRA EDUCA 18-19/6	8.98
14	TYRE EXPO INDIA 14-16/6	52.25
15	HEIMTEXTIL INDIA 22-24/6	110.35
16	AMBIENTE INDIA 22-24/6	27.13
17	THE YOGSHALA EXPO 21-23/6	20.70
18	BEAUTY & SPA 27-28/6	30.28
19	INDIAN DJ EXPO 30/6-2/7	60.36
20	PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION 2-3/7	12.13
21	AMTEX INDIA 8-11/7	273.00
22	COSMO TECH 23-14/7	30.73
23	SKILL INDIA 12-17/7	80.75
24	INDIAN STAINLESS STEEL 15-17/7	63.30
25	INDIA INTL GARMENT 18-20/7	212.00
26	YARNEX SHOW 21-23/7	30.00
27	INTL AGRI & HORTI EXPO 22-24/7	24.75
28	INDIA KITCHEN & BATH 22-24/7	62.59
29	HOUSEWARE & HOME APPL 23-25/7	36.90
30	PACK PLUS 27-30/7	152.08
31	GIFT WORLD EXPO 27-30/7	58.00
32	OFFICE EXPO 29-31/7	32.27
33	TENT DÉCOR ASIA 4-6/8	110.57
34	IN STORE ASIA 4-6/8	72.93
35	PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY 8-9/8	34.94
36	MINERAL, METAL 10-12/8	89.86
37	HAND TOOLS, IMEX 28-30/8	29.99
38	CSR CONCLAVE 28-30/8	32.38
39	AQUA WORLD 17-19/8	33.44
40	WASTE AND SANITECH 17-19/8	42.78
41	IPCA ELECTRONICS 18-20/8	32.53
42	IFFARE INDIA 22-24/8	24.84
43	PERSONAL CARE 22-24/8	82.54
44	FI & HI INDIA 22-24/8	65.10
45	EVERYTHING ABOUT WATER 22-24/8	60.42
46	INDIAN PHARMA 22-24/8	19.98
47	GARTEX 27-29/8	42.01
48	PRIVATE LABEL 29-31/8	19.26
49	ASIAN PAINT 2/9	15.50
50	COAL SUMIT 5-7/9	22.08
51	MEDICALL 9-11/9	24.58
52	JEWELLARY WONDER 17-19/9	111.81
53	PRIDE OF CHINA 22-25/9	66.45
54	DELHI JEWELLARY & GEM 24-26/9	183.65
55	MEDIA EXPO SEPT 29-OCT 1	226.50
56	EUROPEAN HIGHER EDU SEPT 30-OCT 1	42.28

57	BHARAT INTL TOURISM BAZAR 4-6/10	121.86
58	BRICS TRADE FAIR 12-14/10	568.68
59	INDIA SILK FAIR 15-17/10	38.33
60	INDIAN MOBILE 22-24/10	60.59
61	NATIONAL TRIBAL CARIVAL 26-28/10	83.94
62	LIGHT INDIA INTL 5-7/10	315.30
63	SMART CARD 19-21/10	84.16
64	FRANCHIES INDIA 15-16/10	83.77
		4,975.39

(Rs. in Lakhs)			
S No.	DESCRIPTION	INCOME	EXPENDITURE
	FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY ITPO DURING 2013-14		
1	INDIA INTERNATIONAL LEATHER FAIR DELHI 7/13	114.99	39.69
2	INDIA INTERNATIONAL PRINTING & PACKAGING 8/13	21.53	43.05
3	INDIA INTERNATIONAL SECURITY EXPO 09/13	204.82	34.01
4	INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 11/13	5,652.55	850.79
5	AAHAR THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 3/14	1,602.85	166.02
6	STATIONERY FAIR 08/13	36.31	17.57
7	DELHI BOOK FAIR 08/13	189.01	49.73
8	NATIONAL FURNITURE FURN & DECOR 10/13	25.92	20.57
9	NAKSHATRA 02/14	31.49	17.41
10	KOSMETICA 03/14	25.10	22.18
		7,904.57	1,261.01
	FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY ITPO DURING 2014-15		
1	INDIA INTERNATIONAL LEATHER FAIR 07/14	140.02	41.90
2	INDIA INTERNATIONAL SECURITY EXPO 09/14	224.25	50.41
3	INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 11/14	6,086.23	914.00
4	AAHAR THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD & HOSPITALITY 03/15	1,867.47	359.55
5	STATIONERY FAIR 08/14	51.57	17.13
6	DELHI BOOK FAIR 08/14	244.92	72.20
7	NAKSHATRA 02/15	35.16	15.82
		8,649.62	1,471.01
	FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY ITPO DURING 2015-16		
1	STATIONERY/OFFICE AUTOM/CORPORATE GIFTS 08/15	40.64	18.49
2	INDIA INTERNATIONAL LEATHER FAIR DELHI 08/15	210.70	81.01
3	DELHI BOOK FAIR 08/15	214.21	76.14
4	INDIA INTERNATIONAL SECURITY EXPO 10/15	159.31	53.95
5	INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR 11/15	6,102.43	1,083.53
6	NAKSHATRA 01/16	51.40	21.48
7	TEX-STYLE INDIA 02/16	40.32	43.75
8	AAHAR THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD & HOSPITALITY 03/16	2,328.68	523.75
		9,147.69	1,902.10
	FAIRS IN PRAGATI MAIDAN BY ITPO DURING 2016-17 PROVISIONAL UPTO OCTOBER'2016		
1	DELHI LEATHER & FOOTWEAR 8/16	346.45	175.00
2	DELHI BOOK FAIR 8/16	183.84	90.00
3	STATIONARY FAIR 8/16	48.00	23.93
4	INTL SECURITY EXPO 9/16	78.50	55.00
		656.79	343.93

Source: ITPO

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2999
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

NATIONAL POLICY FOR IMPORTS

2999. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a National Policy to increase short term and long term imports and to establish balance between the Industry and products/producers by identifying problems related to supply and demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the progress made in this regard and the time by which the said policy is likely to be finalised; and
- (d) the benefits accrued/likely to accrue to industries and producers as a result thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d): No such matter is under consideration of Government. The Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) is already in place since 1 April, 2015.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3000 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

IMPACT OF FTAS

3000(H). SHRI NANA PATOLE:

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

- (a) whether the Free Trade Agreements (FTA) with other countries have not been able to increase the country's exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether certain industrial organizations have expressed their concern over the rising imports in the country and the present nature of FTAs and if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether the Government is formulating any outline to implement the suggestions by these industrial organizations to promote and encourage the domestic industries and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the concerns that have emerged in the country relating to increased competition to domestic industries and impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): India's exports are contingent on many factors such as global economic situation, availability of cheaper raw materials and intermediates, competitiveness of domestic industry, tariffs, standards, market access through India's free trade agreements (FTAs) etc. Independent studies indicate that there has been an increase in the share of India's exports of intermediate and capital goods after implementation of FTAs.

(c) & (d) Indian industry is divided in their opinion on the impact of FTAs on our trade. However, the trade data with FTA partners, prior to and after implementation of the agreement, indicates that there has been an increase in our overall trade. Moreover, the share of imports of raw materials and intermediates has increased from FTA partners which could be attributed to value added domestic production. Government undertakes internal studies as well as through the Joint Study Group (JSG) on the feasibility of proposed FTAs. Besides, consultations are also held with Apex Chambers of Commerce & Industry, line Ministries/ Departments on specific sectors and, based on the inputs received, sensitive items are not offered under FTA. Further, in case of a surge in imports and injury to domestic industry, a country is allowed to take recourse to trade remedial measures such as anti-dumping and safeguards.

(e) Although, negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) have been concluded, the agreement is yet to be ratified for implementation by participating countries. Government is regularly monitoring developments with regard to the possible impact of Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) on domestic industry in close consultation with industry stakeholders.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3015
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

TEA PRODUCTION IN ASSAM

3015. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether it is true that more than half of the country's tea production comes from Assam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the longer dry periods and change in rainfall pattern in North East have increased tea production cost; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide assistance to tea farmers and to balance the international market price with Indian Tea Traders?

ANSWER

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

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(a)& (b): Yes, Madam. During the year 2015-16, the tea production in Assam was 652.95 M.Kgs. which accounted for fifty-three per cent of the total production of 1233.14 M.Kgs in the country. Similarly, during the current year (April-September, 2016), Assam produced 432.43 M.Kgs. of tea which accounted for fifty-four percent of the total production of 795.89M.Kgs. so far.

(c)& (d): The tea industry is facing problems due to climate change resulting in erratic distribution of rainfall with extended periods of droughts followed by heavy rainfall. Irrigation has become imperative and pest and disease incidence is on the rise. This has become a challenge in tea production in Assam. Accordingly, the tea garden owners have to incur higher costs for irrigation and pest/disease control.

In order to help the growers to mitigate the increased cost, Tea Board under the Tea Development & Promotion Scheme is providing financial assistance for creation of Irrigation facilities. Financial assistance of Rs. 6.25 Crores during the year 2015-16 for an area of 10,954.19 ha and Rs. 2.52 crores during 2016-17 (till October 2016) for an area of 3,359.00 ha has been extended to North East. Moreover, other schemes including replanting and rejuvenation pruning for replenishment of old and uneconomic tea areas are being implemented by the Tea Board.

In order to help the Indian Tea Traders maintain the supply-demand equilibrium and earn remunerative price for the stakeholders of the Tea Industry, the government has added thrust for increasing exports volume, doubling unit price realization, augmenting export of value-added teas and reinforcing “Brand India” Image in the overseas markets.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3029
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

INDIAN SEA FOOD INDUSTRY

3029. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:
SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

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

- (a) Whether the Indian sea food Processing Industry has been working much below its capacity owing to shortage of raw materials;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to help the sea food Processing Industry to improve its position;
- (c) whether the Indian sea food industry needs to have a conservation policy to revive the coastal resources and sea food if so, the other steps taken by the Government so far to save the Industry and also improve its profitability;
- (d) the quantum of sea food including prawns, fresh and dry fishes produced, exported and imported in the country during each of the last two years; and
- (e) whether any countries have imposed any restriction/ban/countervailing duty on the import of prawns from India and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) Yes, Madam. Sea food process facilities tend to work below their capacity during non-peak landing seasons.
- (b) The processing infrastructure in the country is established to cater the needs of the peak landing seasons which dips during off seasons. Following are the steps taken by Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) to improve the position of seafood processing industry:-
 - (i) MPEDA is operating financial assistance schemes for infrastructure establishment for value addition.
 - (ii) There is a scheme on 'Seafreight assistance for the import of raw material' being run by

MPEDA for the entrepreneurs to import the raw material for re-processing and export in value added form.

- (iii) MPEDA is taking steps to augment production through aquaculture by implementing a number of aquaculture promotional schemes and Better Management Practices by aquaculture farmers.
 - (iv) The Ministry of food process Industry has also formulated schemes of suggesting marine processing.
- (c) Yes, Madam. Indian seafood industry is currently propelled by the coastal aquaculture production. As far as sea caught varieties are concerned, steps are being taken by the respective State Governments under their Fisheries Regulation Acts to conserve their resources, besides augmenting fish production.
- (d) Export of marine products from India during last two years are as follows:

Year	2014-15	2015-16
Quantity (in metric tons)	1073965.69	978027.05
Value (in Rs. Crores)	33688.38	31219.43
Value (in million US \$)	5510.49	4767.50

Import of marine products from India during last two years is as follows:-

Year	2014-15	2015-16
Quantity (in metric tons)	27721.32	50129.15
Value (in Rs. Crores)	453.90	639.77
Value (in million US \$)	73.93	97.23

(Source; DGCIS)

- (e) Yes, Madam. Based on the representations of Southern Shrimp Producers Alliance, the association of local shrimp producers in USA, the US Department of Commerce has imposed anti-dumping duty on shrimp imports from India since 2004. The initial anti dumping duty imposed was 10.17%, which is presently 2.20% after many reviews.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3030
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

IMPACT OF TPP AND TTIP

3030. SHRI KESINENI NANI:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether India has joined or proposes to join the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has evaluated the impact of TPP and TTIP on Indian economy and exports;
- (c) whether the Indian manufacturing and exports are likely to suffer on account of zero duty access for countries like Cambodia and Vietnam to markets in the West and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to mitigate the likely impact on India's exports, investment inflows and technology imports due to TPP and TTIP and ensure that Indian Industries does not suffer?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (d): No Madam. Government has neither joined nor sought membership of either Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) or Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP). Negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) have been concluded but the agreement is not yet ratified by participating countries. Members of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) are currently engaged in negotiations. Government is continuously monitoring developments with regard to Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in close consultation with industry stakeholders.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3034
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

PHARMA EXPORTS

3034. SHRI P.K. BIJU:

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

- (a) the details of pharma exports from the country during the last five years and the current year, year-wise and country-wise;
- (b) whether the country has not been able to achieve this year target; and
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor along with the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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- a) : Madam, Country-wise pharma exports from India during the last five years and the current year (upto October, 2016) for the top 30 markets is enclosed at Annexure-I.
- b) & (c): The general decline in pharma exports could be attributed to the global slowdown in trade during the year. India's pharma exports for the period April-October 2016 are valued at US \$9848 million, which marks a negative growth of 1.96% over the corresponding period of 2015. Government holds regular industry consultations for taking appropriate measures for promotion of pharma exports. Some of the export promotion initiatives for pharma sector are:
 - i. financial assistance is given under Market Development Assistance and Market Access Initiative Schemes for exporters of various pharmaceutical products, particularly small and medium size exporters.
 - ii. incentives for pharmaceutical industry are also available under various trade promotion schemes such as Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), Advance Authorization Scheme, DFIA (Duty Free Import Authorization) for import of raw materials and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme for import of Capital Goods etc.

INDIA'S EXPORTS OF PHARMACEUTICALS DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS AND THE CURRENT YEAR IN USD MN

Rank	Country	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	April-Oct 2016
1	U S A	3267.82	3725.11	3962.73	4309.72	5502.96	3362.80
2	SOUTH AFRICA	383.12	440.36	561.47	511.36	606.80	228.99
3	U K	491.35	512.89	527.09	543.24	564.29	345.47
4	NIGERIA	310.42	340.61	384.29	420.50	437.26	216.39
5	RUSSIA	410.08	571.64	546.28	424.80	374.02	216.46
6	GERMANY	462.92	466.90	402.46	372.67	347.53	189.36
7	KENYA	229.86	251.80	240.28	284.20	333.21	209.98
8	BRAZIL	279.02	328.04	312.62	376.19	325.22	197.90
9	NETHERLAND	230.27	248.83	233.69	243.48	243.49	116.15
10	AUSTRALIA	172.90	188.04	196.94	206.20	233.25	139.90
11	FRANCE	174.42	184.76	206.88	209.00	232.16	118.99
12	VIETNAM SOC REP	185.06	202.74	212.18	233.45	221.23	126.28
13	SRI LANKA DSR	147.40	154.21	166.91	173.16	205.14	127.04
14	CANADA	258.31	285.42	226.77	208.22	201.11	118.66
15	PHILIPPINES	106.08	126.22	140.24	155.99	193.25	116.66
16	BELGIUM	136.24	151.40	128.32	154.01	192.15	135.79
17	IRAN	99.84	162.95	182.53	174.80	179.53	103.81
18	TANZANIA REP	85.75	132.51	157.21	187.44	178.51	99.31
19	NEPAL	119.07	123.41	142.23	169.17	170.14	123.36
20	UGANDA	118.78	124.21	155.48	158.28	169.25	90.66
21	EGYPT A RP	112.92	93.31	93.43	116.95	161.85	77.25
22	MEXICO	137.67	137.83	125.46	126.64	160.25	91.84
23	TURKEY	182.71	199.44	156.43	147.77	159.92	95.64
24	MYANMAR	80.42	122.36	138.91	172.51	154.40	96.14
25	THAILAND	149.63	142.31	108.93	157.37	147.71	83.81
26	JAPAN	151.69	179.01	174.83	142.19	143.83	92.52
27	ETHIOPIA	74.24	87.52	145.65	124.63	140.23	80.66
28	CHINA P RP	157.62	137.68	116.17	139.17	139.98	73.93
29	GHANA	148.27	184.62	151.91	164.83	138.17	94.67
30	BANGLADESH PR	112.22	135.06	158.25	140.65	135.66	91.55
31	World	13263.43	14662.91	14934.93	15433.06	16889.18	9848.20

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3038 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

SETTING UP OF EXPORT ZONE

3038(H). SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set-up an Export Zone for betel in the Bundelkhand region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to encourage the betel related industries in Bundelkhand; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): No Madam, there is no proposal to set-up an Export Zone for betel and for promotion of betel related industries in the Bundelkhand region at present.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3040
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

GRIEVANCES OF FDDI STUDENTS

3040. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

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

- (a) whether a meeting was recently held with the representatives of HRD, IGNOU, etc. to decide the future of Footwear Design and Development Institute (FDDI) students affected by invalid degree controversy;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome of the said meeting; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to address the grievances of the affected students?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (c): Madam, an inter-ministerial meeting was held on 22nd April, 2016 to resolve the issue of valid degrees to FDDI students. As per the decision taken in the said meeting, a proposal for grant of “Deemed to be University” has been sent to UGC.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3043(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

PERMISSION FOR EXPORT OF COTTON

3043(H). SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided not to give permission for further export of cotton whereas some States are in the favour of allowing new registration;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the proposals received by the Government from Uttar Pradesh in this regard along with the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

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(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) & (b): Under the present Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2015-2020, cotton is freely exportable and there is no registration requirement for export of cotton as on date.
- (c): No request has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in this regard.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3047
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

EDI FACILITIES

3047. SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:

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

- (a) whether Indian ports, customhouses, Special Economic Zones, etc. lack in Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) facilities thereby affecting easy transaction in imports/exports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the country has already developed the Indian customs Electronic Data Interchange system and if so, the reasons for not installing and operationalising the same for wider usage; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government to develop and install new data interchange system?

ANSWER

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

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(a): Major Indian ports, custom-houses, Special Economic Zones, etc. are connected through the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) for facilitating transaction in imports/exports. More than 95% of International Trade is done through EDI enabled Customs Stations.

(b) & (c): Indian Customs Electronic Data Interchange system has been implemented at major ports, customs houses, Inland Container Depots and Land Customs Stations. Indian customs also launched Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) w.e.f. 01.04.2016, integrating approval process of many Government agencies on a single platform to provide faster clearance. Indian customs Electronic Data Interchange infrastructure is upgraded as and when required.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3061
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

IMPACT OF TRADE AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO GENERIC MEDICINES

3061. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:

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

- (a) whether any impact assessment study has been undertaken to study the consequences of the European Commission's IP text on availability of access to affordable generic medicines from/ in India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made any assessment to see if the working draft text of EU- India FTA is aligned with public health safeguards in the Indian Patent Law and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is considering to accept the provisions on inclusion of border measures that would increase the likelihood of wrongful searches, seizures of drug shipments and actions against legitimate suppliers of generic medicines and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- a) No such studies have been undertaken by the Department of Commerce.
- b) & (c) : India's negotiating stance is determined by domestic law and TRIPS. Both of these provide adequate safeguards in respect of Public Health. India, as a matter of policy, always opposes any provisions that provide for wrongful searches, seizures of drug shipments and actions against legitimate suppliers of generic medicines, as this is in violation of TRIPS Agreement, both in WTO and WHO.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3068(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

DIAMOND TRADE CENTRE AND DIAMOND MARKET

3068(H). SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

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

- (a) the details of the provisions contained in the Foreign Trade Policy to establish diamond market;
- (b) the details of functional International Diamond Trade Centre and Diamond Market, location-wise;
- (c) whether there are any proposals regarding establishment of International Diamond Trade Centre and Diamond Market whereupon no action has been taken so far;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) the response of the Government on not having worked in the Foreign Trade Policy for establishment of the said International Diamond Trade Centre and Diamond Market; and
- (f) the corrective measures which have been taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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

(a): The Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has provision for Special Notified Zone (SNZ) for rough diamonds. As per para 4.49A of FTP, import, auction/sale and re-export of rough diamonds by entities, as notified vide RBI Notification 116 of 1st April, 2014, as amended from time to time, on consignment or outright basis, will be permitted in Special Notified Zone (SNZ) administered by the operator of SNZ, under supervision of Customs. The procedure of import, auction/ sale and re-export of rough diamonds (unsold) would be as specified by CBEC.

(b): The Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) and Bharat Diamond Bourse (BDB) has jointly established India Diamond Trade Centre – Special Notified Zone (IDTC-SNZ) in Mumbai in December, 2015. At present viewing operations are being conducted in IDTC-SNZ, wherein major global mining companies like De Beers, Rio Tinto, ALROSA, Dominion Diamond Corporation and Okavango Diamond Company display their rough diamonds to Indian diamond manufacturers.

(c): There is no proposal regarding establishment of International Diamond Trade Centre or Diamond Market by the Government.

(d) to (f): Does not arise.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3078(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

IRREGULARITIES IN EXPORT OF SPICES

3078(H). SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether irregularities by big traders have been reported in the exports of spices especially in exports of turmeric power, dry ginger, coriander, salt and pepper;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether this is likely to lead to scarcity and rise in prices of the said spices in the market and hoarders are likely to take advantage of this situation and if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether the said spices are likely to return to Indian Market through imports and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) & (b): No specific report of irregularities especially in export of turmeric powder, dry ginger, coriander, salt and pepper by big traders has been received. However, government regularly monitors through the Spices Board, the quality of spices and trade related issues in order to ensure that the interests of the producers and exporters of Indian spices are protected.

(c) : Question does not arise.

(d) No instance of such return of spices through imports has been reported. India imports certain spices of specific grades and quality for the purpose of processing, value-addition and re-export. Strict control is exercised on the quality of such imports under the relevant rules and regulations.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3079(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

IMPACT OF CHINESE IMPORTS

3079(H). SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether cheap Chinese imports have affected the operational viability of the domestic industries, particularly in the manufacturing sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) to (c): Import of an item takes place only when similar item is either not available in the domestic market or is available at a cheaper rate outside the country than the one available in the domestic market. Excess capacity overseas and downward pressure on international prices in light of the global slowdown has led to enhanced competitive pressure on domestic producers from foreign suppliers in some sectors.

Indian industry, if affected by such imports, can seek remedies for invoking trade defence measures like imposition of anti-dumping duty, countervailing duty and safeguard duty.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

RCEP

3081. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalised the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the major provisions envisaged in the said RCEP;
- (c) whether the Government has not made public RCEP documents and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether the Government has received any representation against the RCEP and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

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

(a): No Madam, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations are not yet concluded.

(b): Institutionally, RCEP consists of 15 negotiating groups namely the Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) which is the apex negotiating group; 8 working groups relating to goods, services, investment, competition, economic and technical cooperation (ECOTECH), intellectual property (IP) legal and institutional issues (LII) and e-commerce; and 6 sub working groups relating to SPS (sanitary and phytosanitary measures), STRACAP (standards, Technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures); rules of origin (ROO); customs procedures and trade facilitation (CPTF); financial services; and telecommunication.

(c) & (d): The negotiations are ongoing and the government regularly holds stakeholders' consultations for seeking inputs on various issues of RCEP.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3104
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

3104. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:
SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:
SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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

- (a) the details of total trade carried out between India and Pakistan in terms of exports and imports during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the trade between India and Pakistan has got affected due to recent tension between the two countries and if so, the details thereof and the affected items along with the amount of these items;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make some changes in trade relations with Pakistan and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Pakistan has banned the import of drugs made in India and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether any committee has been constituted to discuss the trade related issues between the two countries and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

(a): The value of India's imports, exports and total trade with Pakistan during the last three years and the current year (up to October, 2016) areas under:

(In US\$ million)

Year	Imports	Exports	Total Trade
2013-14	426.88	2274.26	2701.14
2014-15	497.31	1857.29	2354.60
2015-16	441.03	2171.14	2612.17
2016-17 (April-October) (P*)	293.24	874.67	1167.91

P*: Provisional

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata

(b): While there has been marginal decline in value of bilateral trade between the two countries from US\$ 1208.75 million in the period April to October,2015 to US\$ 1167.91 million in the period April to October,2016, the change in value of exports of individual commodities shows a mixed trend. Value of exports of some major products has increased in the period April to October,2016 as compared to the period April to October,2015 such as organic chemicals from US\$ 48.92 million to 105.25 million, cotton yarn from US\$ 52.92 to 88.47 million, fresh vegetables from US\$ 30.32 to 41.27 million, etc, while value of exports of certain other products has declined in the same period, such as plastic raw materials from US\$ 66.48 to 53.12 million, manmade yarn/fabric/made-ups from US\$ 124.33 to 51.14 million, pulses from US\$ 31.44 to 20.28 million etc.

(c): No such decision has been taken, so far, in context of various factors including composition of bilateral trade, likely impact thereof, etc.

(d): Pakistan maintains a Negative List of 1209 products not allowed to be imported from India, which includes 49 pharmaceutical products.

(e): No such committee has been constituted, so far. However, bilateral discussions at various levels, have been held with Pakistan on trade related issues, including the meeting of the Commerce Ministers of India and Pakistan on January 18, 2014 on the side lines of 5th SAARC Business Leaders Conclave held at New Delhi and meeting between Commerce Secretaries of India and Pakistan in Islamabad on September 20-21, 2012.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3105
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

EXPORT PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE PRODUCTS

3105. SHRI NAGAR RODMAL:

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

- (a) the details of the works being undertaken by the Government for export promotion of horticulture products from the North Eastern Region through "National Trade Promotion Assistance" Scheme;
- (b) the details of the programmes being run by the Government through "National Trade Promotion Assistance" Scheme;
- (c) the names of the States wherein works under 'Export Promotion' are being carried out through the said Scheme; and
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to amend the rules under this scheme and if so, the details thereof

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) The Ministry of Commerce & Industry is not operating any scheme named “National Trade Promotion Assistance”. However, The Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the Department of Commerce, does provide financial assistance to the exporters of agricultural products, including horticulture products from the North-Eastern region, through various components of its Plan Scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Market Promotion, Quality Development and Transport Assistance. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has also 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.

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

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3106
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

PROPOSAL OF "OIL FOR EXPORT MECHANISM"

3106. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) whether India has proposed for an "Oil for Export Mechanism" to Venezuela due to its inability to pay money to Indian pharma companies;
- (b) if so, the details of the said proposal;
- (c) whether Venezuela has agreed to this proposal and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to assist Indian pharma companies to recover money from Venezuela?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) to (d) : India has proposed to Venezuela to adjust the pending payments of Indian pharmaceutical companies against the payments made by the Indian Oil Companies to Venezuela, through a regular mechanism, controlled by the central banks. The response from the Venezuela Government has yet not been received. The Government of India has taken up the issue with the Venezuelan authorities at all levels during meetings/communications with them from time to time.

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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3115
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

IMPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

3115. SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:

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

- (a) the details of the agricultural products imported into the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the adverse impact of such imports on the domestic growers/producers;
- (c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether these imports are driving farmers to commit suicide; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect Indian farmers?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) The values of India's imports of agricultural products during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

(in US\$ Billions)

Years	Import value of Agricultural Products including plantation
2013-14	17.0
2014-15	20.0
2015-16	21.6
2016-17 (Apr-Oct)*	12.7

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (Provisional)*

The details of the agricultural products imported into the country are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (e) The Government has not conducted any survey to assess the impact of imports of agricultural products on the domestic growers/producers in the country. As per the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, 'indebtedness' and 'family problems' are the major causes of suicides, accounting

for 20.6% and 20.1% respectively of total farmers' suicides during 2014. The other causes of farmers' suicides were 'failure of crop' (16.8%), illness' (13.2%) and 'drug abuse/alcoholic addiction' (4.9%).

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 3155 for answer on 5th December 2016.

(In US\$ Millions)

Category	UNIT	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Oct)	
		QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
Plantation									
Tea	KGS	22739911	48.54	28390469	63.57	23722240	58.04	14356655	30.79
Coffee	KGS	59940860	120.19	74884576	152.20	65612802	122.59	43899320	73.28
Natural rubber	TON	360266	906.43	442129	818.29	458382	715.12	287886	420.02
Plantation total			1075.15		1034.06		895.75		524.10
Agri. & allied products									
Rice(other than basmati)	TON	1439	1.37	1958	1.77	1021	0.91	639	0.58
Wheat	TON	11272	4.42	29493	9.95	517667	135.45	773867	170.07
Other cereals	TON	22321	16.08	23397	10.03	206144	51.84	122462	29.87
Pulses	TON	3643713	2119.32	4584852	2786.11	5797706	3902.22	2748424	1906.55
Tobacco unmanufactured	KGS	1549350	13.09	1930418	15.90	2883247	20.54	146776	0.95
Tobacco manufactured*			27.85		32.76		29.74		19.82
Spices	KGS	155577426	571.39	163094896	717.78	193437497	823.79	155259072	474.75
Cashew	TON	776334	773.81	933190	1087.16	961665	1339.34	569125	920.75
Cashew nut shell liquid	KGS	379070	0.34	1720396	1.63	1858346	0.87	1523766	0.50
Sesame seeds	KGS	72928096	134.48	34767785	62.67	23597101	27.59	24640014	24.83
Niger seeds	KGS	0	0.00	703000	0.60	5780000	6.76	6970000	8.56
Groundnut	TON	114	0.06	127	0.08	107	0.05	103	0.04
Other oil seeds	TON	54703	27.50	51561	26.59	62505	32.99	54730	28.47
Vegetable oils	TON	10467303	9389.74	12731595	10621.48	15643735	10492.08	8226662	6212.09
Oil meals	TON	126936	33.33	165102	44.71	255014	65.26	342153	92.97
Guergam meal	TON	375	3.66	128	0.95	633	2.07	155	0.18
Castor oil	KGS	68946	0.34	52363	0.30	31759	0.17	73546	0.15
Shellac	KGS	680722	8.01	1770836	9.75	705387	2.99	204721	0.81
Sugar	TON	880956	392.19	1538635	601.17	1943125	612.24	1104847	504.18
Mollases	TON	15065	1.47	60281	4.93	17267	1.16	6689	0.61
Fruits / vegetable seeds	KGS	8294147	74.36	14012277	100.48	14328066	107.57	12854403	66.90
Fresh fruits	TON	769204	1273.46	900984	1565.20	839543	1694.84	544721	921.04
Fresh vegetables	TON	25981	6.66	8244	1.82	140728	59.78	5911	1.03
Processed vegetables	KGS	20289086	28.80	10960189	17.07	15379021	18.40	7461892	9.87
Processed fruits and juices	KGS	31973057	68.28	33552677	81.58	38962498	80.31	24658654	46.32
Cereal preparations	TON	53472	69.15	72717	95.44	61487	87.81	38886	50.56
Cocoa products	KGS	51627345	176.90	65387025	253.58	56424691	212.96	33853408	127.68
Milled products	KGS	3977441	3.64	3465371	2.90	4393656	3.26	2095558	1.47
Misc processed items*			244.48		292.05		277.20		178.36
Animal casings	KGS	220	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Sheep/goat meat	TON	60	0.86	87	1.43	53	0.73	69	0.63
Other meat	TON	361	2.61	469	3.19	498	2.64	317	1.48
Processed meat	TON	388	1.27	165	0.85	71	0.42	81	0.43
Dairy products	KGS	10487312	38.47	43837626	61.49	18233480	56.64	10451278	25.59
Poultry products*			3.89		6.18		4.04		3.26
Floriculture products	KGS	4308801	18.45	4820190	18.52	4768809	17.43	3184816	12.34
Alcoholic beverages	LTR	114452982	341.27	177683002	408.46	303459276	447.38	265260805	313.74
Ayush and herbal products	KGS	10855329	52.46	23482092	57.58	11668422	54.13	7134563	31.12
Agri. & allied products total			15923.43		19004.14		20673.58		12188.54
Total			16998.61		20038.20		21569.33		12712.64

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)

Note: Figures for 2016-17 (Apr to Oct) is provisional.

*Quantity Figures are not given as units are not additive.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3119
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

SETTING UP OF IIFT

3119. DR. RAVINDRA BABU

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard so far; and
- (c) the proposed location of the said Institute along with the projected timeline for setting up of this Institute?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) to (c) Yes Madam. The Government has made a proposal to establish IIFT in Andhra Pradesh. For this purpose, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has agreed to provide 25 acres of land in Kakinada SEZ. Further, a central team visited the site to ascertain the suitability of the site. A decision was taken to prepare a detailed project report (DPR) on the proposal.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

REVOKING OF MFN STATUS TO PAKISTAN

3121. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:
SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:
SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO(AVANTHI):

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to revoke the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on India's position in multilateral trade fora;
- (c) whether Pakistan has never reciprocated by granting India MFN status; and
- (d) if so, whether India is considering to take this issue to the dispute settlement body of the world trade organisation and if so, the details thereof ?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) and (d): No such decisions have been taken, so far.
- (b): Does not arise, in view of the reply to (a) above.
- (c): Pakistan is yet to transition fully to Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status for India.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3130
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

SEMINAR ON PLANTATION SECTOR

3130. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any seminar/conference about crisis in plantation sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the findings of the seminar;
- (c) whether there is any interference from the National Research Programme on Plantation Development in the recent crisis in the said Sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d): National Research Programme on Plantation Development (NRPPD), a special purpose research cum training programme at Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, an independent institution, organized a National consultation with stakeholders of tea, coffee, natural rubber and spices sectors on 6th February, 2016. Based on the consultation held, NRPPD has outlined short and long term measures for the plantation sector regarding the role of commodity boards, research & development and extension, financing, plantation crop insurance etc.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3137 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

3137(H).SHRI RAJU SHETTY:

SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:

SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:

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

- (a) the total quantum and value of agricultural products exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, product, country and yearwise indicating the increase in the said exports during the said period;
- (b) the details of India's share in world export of agricultural products and its position in comparison with world leading exporters of agricultural products;
- (c) whether the farmers have requested for additional incentives/support to facilitate the export of agricultural products to offset the losses suffered due to fall in the domestic prices of these products and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether there has been any periodical review of the working of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), particularly in creating a solid base in the prospective importing countries;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the details of global meets and international trade fairs wherein APEDA has taken part to consolidate the potential of exports; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the export of agricultural products from the country?

ANSWER

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- (a) The product wise details of total quantum and value of agricultural products exported from the country, during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure-I**. Product-wise details (top 5 countries for top 5 products) are at **Annexure-II**.

- (b) As per WTO's World Trade Statistical Review 2016 (based on the trade in 2015), India's share in global exports of Agriculture Products is 2.2%. India ranks 9th amongst top exporters of agricultural products.
- (c) The Government, from time to time, receives request from various quarters for additional incentives/support to facilitate the export of agricultural products. Decision on such requests are taken after taking into account the interests of various stakeholders and also the resource constraints faced by the Government.
- (d & e) The working of the of Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is reviewed from time to time.

As per its mandate, APEDA is continuously engaged in the export promotion of agricultural and processed food products.

During the current financial year 2016-17 APEDA has organized /will be organizing participation in the following International trade events and Product Promotion programmes:

International Trade Events.

1. World food Moscow-2016
2. SIAL Food -2016, France
3. Bio Fach 2017
4. Fruit Logistica 2017, Berlin
5. Gulfood 2017, Dubai
6. Foodex 2017, Japan
7. Natural Food Expo, Anaheim

Brand Promotion Programme:

1. Brand Promotion Programme of Indian Food Products at Mexico City in Mexico.
 2. Brand Promotion of Indian Food Products and rice in Tanzania and Kenya
 3. Brand Promotion of Indian Food Products and rice in Africa and & Angola.
 4. Wine Promotion Programme, UK.
- (f) APEDA provides financial assistance to the exporters of agricultural products through various components of its Plan Scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Market Promotion, Quality Development and Transport Assistance. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry has also 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.

Export of Agricultural Products

Quantity in Thousands; Value in US \$ Million

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Oct) (P)	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
1	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	1,000,818.64	5,016.46	1,073,965.69	5,510.49	976,246.82	4,761.96	634,856.19	3,467.62
2	BUFFALO MEAT	TON	1,365.64	4,350.23	1,475.54	4,781.18	1,314.16	4,068.66	826.83	2,263.37
3	RICE -BASMOTI	TON	3,754.10	4,864.69	3,698.93	4,516.28	4,044.83	3,477.35	2,304.40	1,817.51
4	SPICES	KGS	896,565.40	2,497.22	926,020.95	2,430.35	820,658.97	2,502.52	573,331.49	1,623.57
5	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	TON	7,148.47	2,925.05	8,278.23	3,336.84	6,374.36	2,307.81	3,790.85	1,432.68
6	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE		1,947.70	3,637.53	1,142.53	1,900.19	1,346.50	1,937.87	226.58	332.39
7	SUGAR	TON	2,477.64	1,177.03	1,955.19	871.41	3,825.51	1,482.68	1,537.61	724.02
8	COFFEE	KGS	253,902.13	798.80	221,396.66	814.02	255,717.11	783.45	177,269.04	481.75
9	CASHEW	TON	120.74	842.30	134.57	909.26	103.13	768.07	47.08	396.6
10	FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	2,291.75	886.12	2,061.00	763.24	1,872.02	727.80	1,665.27	436.28
11	TEA	KGS	249,907.56	798.76	215,407.70	681.79	246,850.42	719.96	133,711.81	410.85
12	CASTOR OIL	KGS	544,795.66	725.68	546,525.60	770.49	586,778.17	705.20	365,740.85	388.64
13	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	KGS	237,106.04	789.04	219,572.23	680.01	215,033.17	664.99	117,384.03	361.86
14	GROUNDNUT	TON	509.75	525.67	708.39	760.37	536.93	614.94	246.84	314.02
15	FRESH FRUITS	TON	525.22	608.96	486.94	516.26	573.20	594.27	386.78	317.01
16	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES		NA	547.12	NA	592.26	NA	573.49	NA	325.72
17	GUERGAM MEAL	TON	601.97	1,979.63	665.11	1,551.87	365.10	553.09	195.6	216.19
18	OIL MEALS	TON	6,576.51	2,796.34	3,904.59	1,324.17	2,014.68	535.58	931.45	241.14
19	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	319.55	471.31	305.43	496.41	313.43	506.10	200.7	316.13
20	SESAME SEEDS	KGS	257,441.09	592.14	375,656.06	772.27	328,372.57	459.65	186,578.83	243.98
21	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS		NA	418.03	NA	453.66	NA	442.76	NA	273.25
22	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED		NA	222.31	NA	278.61	NA	316.31	NA	194.05
23	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES		NA	401.51	NA	369.59	NA	309.75	NA	171.09
24	PROCESSED VEGETABLES		NA	213.04	NA	281.75	NA	258.79	NA	151.4
25	DAIRY PRODUCTS		NA	727.52	NA	355.83	NA	257.58	47,452.54	134.79
26	PULSES	TON	345.55	290.27	222.14	199.86	255.60	252.02	85.02	116.72
27	OTHER CEREALS	TON	4,637.54	1,204.11	3,514.35	869.11	908.61	243.98	407.17	116.94
28	COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	16,229.24	93.96	20,877.70	138.87	32,210.11	192.21	15,264.49	102.15
29	MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	419,263.76	166.15	419,855.41	168.76	415,015.65	164.89	155,177.19	73.62
30	WHEAT	TON	5,572.03	1,569.03	2,924.05	828.75	614.10	150.59	179.25	44.08
31	OTHER OIL SEEDS	TON	194.46	155.17	247.54	185.03	204.10	147.53	61.49	47.03
32	SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	22.61	115.36	23.61	135.71	21.95	128.38	13.81	78.59
33	POULTRY PRODUCTS		NA	93.02	NA	106.38	NA	117.12	NA	44.49
34	MOLLASES	TON	211.65	24.53	247.61	31.61	614.94	79.59	271.6	31.93

Sl. No.	Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Oct) (P)	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
35	VEGETABLE OILS	TON	23.01	53.38	42.05	94.56	29.80	79.11	33.29	62.41
36	FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	KGS	19,338.58	68.80	12,499.31	69.96	10,684.30	74.18	4,209.05	45.62
37	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS		NA	75.31	NA	75.40	NA	72.94	13,499.47	48.21
38	NATURAL RUBBER	TON	10.03	27.49	3.06	7.06	6.14	58.66	1.81	2.61
39	SHELLAC	KGS	7,747.86	84.95	5,242.54	43.80	6,241.58	29.70	2,917.92	16.4
40	NIGER SEEDS	KGS	20,841.06	18.69	18,155.89	17.71	14,121.56	18.99	7,253.99	9.47
41	CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID	KGS	9,480.28	6.35	10,937.59	9.10	11,677.26	8.83	7,161.84	4.15
42	ANIMAL CASINGS	KGS	352.20	4.73	260.15	3.18	206.36	2.61	105.51	1.34
43	PROCESSED MEAT	TON	0.51	1.29	0.41	2.29	0.28	0.96	0.06	0.25
44	OTHER MEAT	TON	0.27	0.55	0.26	0.44	-	-	0.08	0.14
	Total			42,865.63		38,706.18		32,152.92		17,882.06

Source: DGCI&S, (P) - Provisional

ANNEXURE – II

EXPORT OF AGRI PRODUCTS - COUNTRY-WISE (TOP 5 COUNTRIES FOR TOP 5 PRODUCTS)

Quantity in Thousands; Value in USD Millions

Commodity	Country	UNIT	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Oct)*	
			Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
MARINE PRODUCTS	U S A	KGS	110017.41	1267.84	276383.01	1457.50	227736.09	1326.85	113525.33	1081.12
	VIETNAM	KGS	256745.21	963.49	128804.74	1102.91	147223.04	895.05	180978.08	813.30
	JAPAN	KGS	70290.71	406.94	78605.23	447.27	76320.33	404.66	43652.75	276.04
	SPAIN	KGS	43972.69	166.27	53732.63	205.36	57043.27	184.29	33556.59	142.85
	BELGIUM	KGS	25037.22	214.59	50471.95	202.99	49297.23	172.79	9098.53	67.39
	OTHER COUNTRIES	KGS	494755.40	1997.33	485968.13	2094.46	418626.86	1778.32	254044.91	1086.92
	Total	KGS	1000818.64	5016.46	1073965.69	5510.49	976246.82	4761.96	634856.19	3467.62
BUFFALO MEAT	VIETNAM	TON	524.18	1795.57	633.35	2152.86	605.10	1992.64	413.56	1101.72
	MALAYSIA	TON	121.71	388.67	130.88	422.94	135.94	410.02	69.74	212.75
	EGYPT	TON	107.82	338.22	128.08	422.34	115.32	357.72	91.01	259.69
	SAUDI ARABIA	TON	74.60	247.11	73.82	259.01	64.65	216.23	36.33	119.91
	INDONESIA	TON	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.16	0.81	2.36	23.98	83.42
	OTHER COUNTRIES	TON	537.33	1580.81	537.30	1523.87	392.40	1090.10	192.21	485.88
	TOTAL		1365.64	4350.38	1503.51	4781.18	1314.22	4069.08	826.83	2263.37
RICE -BASMATI	SAUDI ARABIA	TON	826.12	1108.90	966.30	1187.91	948.85	842.22	449.72	359.15
	IRAN	TON	1440.45	1834.55	935.57	1108.50	695.31	571.19	472.00	363.71
	UAE	TON	147.90	196.51	277.89	314.38	612.15	475.18	342.01	259.38
	IRAQ	TON	219.61	271.14	235.45	259.13	419.28	341.58	246.03	178.38
	KUWAIT	TON	175.54	247.95	166.47	250.53	180.73	211.68	84.73	78.72
	OTHER COUNTRIES	TON	944.48	1205.83	1117.26	1395.82	1189.51	1036.14	709.91	578.17
	TOTAL		3754.10	4864.89	3698.93	4516.28	4045.83	3477.98	2304.40	1817.51
RICE (NON-BASMATI)	SENEGAL	TON	651.98	195.74	765.02	226.03	913.98	245.80	340.07	96.57
	BENIN	TON	1166.85	485.17	598.57	247.12	623.35	215.53	523.95	187.02
	NEPAL	TON	396.15	119.80	630.49	216.76	534.14	193.52	310.91	95.92
	GUINEA	TON	221.77	87.67	397.72	152.88	395.98	133.03	321.33	108.12
	UAE	TON	225.53	117.05	241.87	125.56	234.27	114.14	139.47	100.25
	OTHER COUNTRIES	TON	4473.91	1919.72	5668.54	2368.50	3762.87	1466.62	2155.11	844.80
	TOTAL		7136.19	2925.16	8302.21	3336.84	6464.59	2368.64	3790.85	1432.68
SPICES	U S A	KGS	68625.08	391.53	69321.06	409.80	65075.88	426.41	83468.09	269.00
	VIETNAM	KGS	98125.05	175.38	122863.19	210.17	104194.96	219.20	80531.81	186.01
	CHINA	KGS	47689.39	384.42	25574.61	245.27	22276.56	171.47	10281.14	126.41
	MALAYSIA	KGS	57731.93	96.67	66850.07	103.59	63901.96	117.15	39405.23	76.03
	U K	KGS	28004.68	104.11	40270.16	101.18	29706.64	115.55	17136.92	71.57
	OTHER COUNTRIES	KGS	595738.58	1345.18	614129.12	1360.34	546525.26	1491.68	342508.30	894.54
	TOTAL		895914.70	2497.30	939008.20	2430.35	831681.25	2541.46	573331.49	1623.57

Source: DGCI&S. * Provisional

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

COMPENSATION TO SEZ-AFFECTEES

3145. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) whether the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have duly compensated the farmers and other affected people for acquiring their lands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there have been any instances of outstanding dues and other arrears in this regard and if so, the total amount of outstanding dues and arrears; and
- (d) whether the SEZs and assorted stakeholders have offered jobs to at least one adult from the affected families apart from the compensation and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d) : Land is a State subject. The Board of Approval approves a proposal for establishment of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) subject to the terms and conditions prescribed in the SEZ Act and Rules. The approval is granted only after the concerned State Government recommends the setting up of the SEZ. Issues related to availability/provisioning of land for SEZs are in the domain of the State Government agencies concerned. Insofar as relief and rehabilitation package for any affected person is concerned, this is implemented by State Government agencies.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3147
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

INFLUX OF CHINESE FIRECRACKERS

3147. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:
SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY KOTHA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the influx of Chinese firecrackers in the Indian markets in large amounts and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether any permission or trade agreements have been entered into with regard to Chinese firecrackers and if so, the details thereof and if not, how these firecrackers are entering into the Indian markets;
- (c) whether these Chinese firecrackers are causing harm to the Indian trading community and the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted to check the illegal transportation of these harmful Chinese firecrackers and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to stop the illegal dumping of these life-threatening firecrackers by China; and
- (f) the details of licensing procedure in respect of trade of firecrackers along with the steps proposed to be taken to tighten the said procedure in the wake of growing explodes?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (f) : Import of “Fireworks” covered under Indian Trade (Harmonized System) classification [ITC(HS)] code 36041000 is ‘restricted’ and no one can import fireworks without a license/authorization from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT). For last three years no license /authorization have been issued by DGFT. India has no trading agreements for import of firecrackers from China. Further, as per available data, no import of “fireworks” has taken place from China or any other country during the last three years and the current year (up to September 2016). However there have been cases of illegal imports of fireworks.

The Customs Authorities and the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) have made several seizures of illegally imported foreign origin firecrackers based on specific intelligence in places like Mundra; ICD, Dadri; Nhava Sheva; ICD, Loni; ICD, Tughlakabad; Raigad and Sangrur. Further, to curb the menace of illegal import and smuggling of these foreign made

firecrackers, DRI has issued alert/ *modus operandi* circulars to sensitize the Customs field formations and also the Chief Secretaries and the Director Generals of Police of various State Governments on the issue.

Petroleum & Explosives Safety Organization (PESO), under the Explosives Rules, through its field offices, has been taking action on seized fireworks including destroying them. Special drive is also undertaken by PESO during festival periods to ensure no foreign origin fireworks are stored or sold.

Government has also been issuing press notices in English, Hindi and vernacular languages in National and Regional papers on a regular basis during the festive season, for the past few years, informing the public that possession and sale of fireworks of foreign origin in India is illegal and punishable under the law and that information about possession and/ or sale of such fireworks may be reported to the nearest police station for suitable action.

The sale of fireworks is regulated by the Explosives Rules, 2008 framed under the Explosives Act, 1884 and a license is required for possession and sale of fireworks.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

SETTING UP OF SEZ

3149. SHRI ANANTKUMAR HEGDE:

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

- (a) whether the concept of setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) is contrary to the target of development for all in the Country;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the targets fixed originally have not been achieved by the SEZs set up a decade ago in the Country; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

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(a) and (b): The principal objectives behind creating Special Economic Zone (SEZs) in the country include:

- i. generation of additional economic activity
- ii. promotion of exports of goods and services;
- iii. promotion of investment from domestic and foreign sources;
- iv. creation of employment opportunities;
- v. development of infrastructure facilities

(c) and (d): 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 405 proposals for setting up of SEZs in the country. Presently, out of 331 notified SEZs a total of 206 SEZs are operational.

As on 30.09.2016, an investment of Rs 4,06,690 crore has been made in different SEZs and an employment for about 16.88 lakh persons has been generated. The various steps taken to strengthen SEZs in the country are as under:

- i. Minimum Land Area requirement for setting up of new SEZs has been reduced to 50% for Multi-product and Sector-specific SEZs.
- ii. Sectoral broad-banding has been introduced to encompass similar / related areas under the same Sector.

- iii. A new sector 'agro-based food processing' sector has been introduced to encourage agro-based industries in SEZs.
- 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. Online processing of various activities relating to SEZ Developers and Units has been introduced for improving ease of doing business.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3160
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

FTA NEGOTIATIONS

3160. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:

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

- (a) whether the European Union (EU) has expressed willingness to re-engage with India on negotiations regarding the proposed Free Trade Agreement with investment protection pact;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the details of the countries with whom India is having FTA with or without any conditions, country-wise; and
- (d) the extent to which those countries are properly following the conditions laid down by the Government?

ANSWER

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- (a) & (b) Yes Madam. The European Union (EU) has expressed willingness to re-engage with India in India-EU Broad based Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) negotiations subject to certain conditions. India is willing to resume the negotiations without any pre conditions and awaiting a response from the EU side. India is committed to an early and balanced outcome of the India-EU BTIA negotiations.
- (c) The details of the Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) entered into by India is as per Annexure.
- (d) The FTA partners are bound to comply with the provisions of the agreement.

FTAs already in force

SN	Name of the Agreement	Countries
1	India - Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (FTA)	Sri Lanka
2	Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA)	India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives and Afghanistan
3	Revised Agreement of Cooperation between Government of India and Nepal to control unauthorized trade	Nepal
4	India - Bhutan Agreement on Trade Commerce and Transit	Bhutan
5	India - Thailand Free Trade Agreement - Early Harvest Scheme (EHS)	Thailand
6	India - Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)	Singapore
7	India - Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) - Trade in Goods, Services and Investment Agreement	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam
8	India - South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)	South Korea
9	India - Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)	Japan
10	India - Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)	Malaysia

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

3161. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI NIHAL CHAND:
SHRI HARINARAYAN RAJBHAR:

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

- (a) the details of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country at present, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the contribution made by these SEZs in exports in terms of value and employment generation during the last three years and the current year, State/UTwise;
- (c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that certain fake SEZs are being operated in the country;
- (d) if so, the details of such fake SEZs identified during the last three years, Statewise along with the action taken by the Government against these SEZs;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated separate legislation for SEZs in the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the manner in which they are different from ordinary legislation and the steps taken by the Government to strengthen SEZs in the country?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) and (b): 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 405 proposals for setting up of SEZs in the country. Presently, out of 331 notified SEZs a total of 206 SEZs are operational. States/UTs-wise details of the contribution to exports and employment generation during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure**.

(c): No Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) and (f) : Government has enacted Special Economic Zone (SEZs) Act, 2005 to achieve the objectives of SEZ policy. The salient features of the Act are: -

- (i) SEZ is a designated duty free enclave to be treated as a territory outside the customs territory of India ;
- (ii) SEZ Developers and Units will have Direct Tax and Indirect Tax concessions as prescribed in the SEZs Act, 2005.
- (iii) No licence will be required for import of inputs for operations in SEZ ;
- (iv) Domestic sales by SEZ units will be subject to applicable customs duties and Foreign Trade Policy in force;
- (v) SEZ units will have freedom for subcontracting;
- (vi) No routine examination by customs authorities of export/import cargo;
- (vii) The Unit in SEZ shall achieve Positive Net Foreign Exchange to be calculated cumulatively for a period of five years from the commencement of production;

The various steps taken to strengthen SEZs in the country are as under:

- i. Minimum Land Area requirement for setting up of new SEZs has been reduced to 50% for Multi-product and Sector-specific SEZs.
- ii. Sectoral broad-banding has been introduced to encompass similar / related areas under the same Sector.
- iii. A new sector 'agro-based food processing' sector has been introduced to encourage agro-based industries in SEZs.
- 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. Online processing of various activities relating to SEZ Developers and Units has been introduced for improving ease of doing business.

States/UTs-wise details of Exports and Employment from SEZs during the last three years and current financial year									
		Exports				Employment*			
		(Rs. in Crore)				(In Persons)			
Sl. No.	States/UTs	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (as on 30.9.2016)	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (as on 30.9.2016)
1	Gujarat	225042	179791.75	135719.65	67191.88	75586	63475	68224	71378
2	Karnataka	51372.88	55197.83	54307.07	23532.64	193686	237138	237138	260884
3	Tamil Nadu	71417	68103.63	79296.62	37970.79	268405	287275	326569	343428
4	Maharashtra	56399.23	62535.90	71618.53	34739.83	339919	360543	363760	378470
5	Kerala	8003.64	6540.2	10386.99	8258.78	32311	49652	49652	52058
6	Andhra Pradesh	33291.07 [#]	7887.61	10843.94	5973.24	157280	47506	56456	56502
7	Telangana	0	37108	46944.76	25129.55	0	154784	188607	205826
8	Uttar Pradesh	16282.42	16516.77	19756.72	10569.64	83970	96591	105609	113705
9	West Bengal	16204.27	9872.79	11832.13	6831.68	48112	51241	63160	64654
10	Haryana	8740.43	11139.50	15673.53	8110.96	50208	55256	84812	90695
11	Madhya Pradesh	2984.23	4009.46	4970.05	3740.70	10308	10828	15624	15882
12	Rajasthan	2036.59	2091.34	2233.9	1199.60	14574	16321	17723	17747
13	Chandigarh	1778.15	2084.24	2561.54	1335.05	5927	7297	8295	8555
14	Odisha	386.09	596.66	879.11	1149.70	1577	2347	3322	6125
15	Punjab	136.72	290.79	312.58	165.64	1299	1993	2283	2275
16	Chhattisgarh	1.84	3.19	0.11	0	119	41	119	125
17	Goa	0	0	0	0	28	28	28	28
TOTAL		494077	463770	467337	235900	1283309	1442316	1591381	1688337

* Calculated on cumulative basis.

[#] Including Telangana.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3164 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN EXPORT LIST

3164(H). SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

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

- (a) the details of the goods included under Indian Exports at present;
- (b) the details of the other goods included under the Exports head during the last three years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to further diversify the list of goods under the Exports head?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) All goods can be exported barring a few, which are prohibited/restricted under the Foreign Trade Policy and listed under ITC(HS) Classification of Export and Import. The complete list is available on the website of DGFT (www.dgft.gov.in). The prohibition/restriction on export is to ensure (i) availability of the commodities for domestic use/consumption at reasonable prices (ii) to safeguard natural resources & environment and (iii) to take care of proliferation concerns.

(b) Review of export/import policy is a continuous process undertaken by the Government from time to time in consultation with the concerned administrative Ministries / Departments, keeping in view the availability of the products, their prices in the domestic and international market and various other factors and need based policy decisions are taken from time to time in this regard.

(c) The Government has taken various measures to diversify and boost exports from India, which includes;

- (i) Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was included under Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 w.e.f. April 1, 2015 as a major export promotion scheme implemented by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry with an objective to incentivize export of merchandise which are produced/manufactured in India. Rewards under MEIS are payable as a percentage of realized FOB value of exports of notified product / tariff lines, by way of the MEIS duty credit scrip, which are transferable and can also be used for payment of a number of duties including the basic customs duty. As of now 7914 tariff lines at 8 digit ITC (HS) Codes have been covered under MEIS scheme to diversify goods and market and to extend the coverage across the globe. For the fiscal year 2016-17, Rs. 23,500 Crore have been allocated for MEIS incentives.
- (ii) Interest Equalization Scheme has been introduced w.e.f. 01.04.2015 for five years with an objective to provide affordable credit to exporters to enable them to be more competitive. The scheme is available to 416 specified tariff lines and exports made by manufacturing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) across all ITC(HS) Codes. The rate of interest equalization is 3 % per annum.
- (iii) In addition, the FTP 2015-2020 provide support for manufacture and export of commodities. Under Duty Exemption Scheme, duty free import of inputs can be made for manufacturing and exports. Under the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, capital goods can be imported at zero percent duty linked to export performance to be achieved within six years from the date of imports. A manufacturer setting up an Export Oriented Unit (EOU) for exports also has access to duty free imports of raw material and capital goods.
- (iv) Various Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards also make efforts in promotion of export of their commodities including diversification.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

ADVANTAGE HEALTH CARE INDIA 2016

3182. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:

SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:

SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has organised the second edition of Advantage Health Care India 2016, an international summit on medical value travel with the aim of promoting healthcare services exports from India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its main objectives;
- (c) whether the Medical Value Travel Industry has emerged as one of the fastest growing segment of tourism industry despite the global economic downturn; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the said summit has helped to provide world class medical facilities in India?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Yes, after the successful launch of the inaugural edition last year, Department of Commerce, Government of India organized the second edition of 'Advantage Health Care India 2016 (AHCI 2016)', an International Summit on Medical Value Travel with the aim of 'Promoting Healthcare Services Exports from India', from 3 - 5 October, 2016 at India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, NCR – India.

The objective of this international summit was to promote India as a Premier Global Healthcare Destination and to enable streamlined medical services exports from India. This underlying objective is a unique conglomeration of 5Ts, namely – Tradition, Technology, Tourism, Talent and Trade.

AHCI 2016 brought together stakeholders from 67 countries. The Summit presented an opportunity to interact, network and collaborate through the hosted buyer's program, the exhibition, the conference along with regional forums as well as visits to some of the world class hospitals in Delhi and NCR.

(c) The medical value travel industry has emerged as one of the fastest growing segment of the tourism industry. Globally the market is estimated at around USD 40-55 billion. India has tremendous potential in MVT. Our estimated market size is USD 3 Billion, growing at 15% CAGR. As per 2015 data while 11 million people travelled to seek treatment, 500,000 foreign patients travelled to India seeking treatment. With adequate focus and effective execution, MVT in India can be a USD 9 billion opportunity by 2020.

(d) The Summit helped in showcasing the medical healthcare sector in India and how we can collaborate with World. In addition, it showcased the training capabilities of India in Medical healthcare, AYUSH and Nursing sector. In addition, some tangible outcomes have emerged like streamlining the functioning of facilitators and acknowledging them as part of the MVT ecosystem, Implementation of Medical facilitation desks at airports for ease of medical patients and has generated interest even from markets like Russia and China.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3184
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

INDO-EU TRADE TALKS

3184. **SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:**
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the share of the European Union (EU) in India's total trade has progressively shrunk in the recent years and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether Indian exports to the EU have also shrunk in 2014-15 and if so, the details thereof along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether India's expiring bilateral treaties/investment pacts with many EU member nations has been one of the main reasons for suspension of trade and investment talks between India and the EU and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the lack of a suitable agreement in place of the earlier treaties has been a serious concern for the Government and if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement with EU has been pending for a long time and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to remove the bottlenecks?

ANSWER

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(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The share of European Union (EU) in India's total trade has been consistent during recent years at around 13% of India's total trade and India's share of exports to EU has also been consistent during the recent years at around 16% of India's total exports.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) The Government framed a model Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) Text in 2015 to re-negotiate with partner countries. Accordingly, termination notices of existing BITs were issued to various countries, including 22 EU member states in 2016.

(e) India-EU BTIA negotiations started in 2007 and 16 rounds of the negotiations had been held till 2013, after which EU withdrew from the negotiations. Recently, four stocktaking meetings on India-EU BTIA have been held on 18th Jan, 2016 (in New Delhi), 22nd Feb, 2016 (in Brussels), 15th July, 2016 (in New Delhi) and 9th Nov., 2016 (in New Delhi). India has expressed its willingness to resume negotiations in these meetings and is committed to an early and balanced outcome of the India-EU BTIA negotiations.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND BHUTAN

3190. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:

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

- (a) the details of the Commodities which are presently being traded between India and Bhutan;
- (b) whether India and Bhutan have recently signed any Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit to enhance trade between the two countries through trade facilitation and if so, the details thereof along with its main features;
- (c) the extent to which India is likely to be benefited from the said agreement along with the extent to which this agreement will facilitate improving procedures, cutting down on documentation and adding additional exit/entry points for Bhutan's trade with other countries; and
- (d) the time when the first agreement was signed with Bhutan indicating the number of times it was extended along with the steps taken to boost trade with Bhutan?

ANSWER

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(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a): In 2015-16, the major commodities exported from India to Bhutan were petroleum products, machine tools, motor vehicles/cars, products of iron and steel etc. while the major imports from Bhutan were power, iron and steel, inorganic chemicals, plastic sheet and film, alcoholic beverages etc.

(b) and (c): India and Bhutan have signed an Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit on 12th November 2016, which provides for a free trade regime between the two countries aimed at boosting the bilateral trade for mutual benefit. The Agreement also aims at facilitating Bhutan's trade with third countries through an improved procedure for containerised cargo, striving towards use of electronic means to facilitate the movement of transit cargo, additional entry/exit points in India, etc.

(d): An Agreement on Trade and Commerce between India and Bhutan was first signed on 17th January, 1972. Since then, the Agreement has been renewed/revised five times, including the agreement signed on 12th November 2016.

The Government continues to engage proactively with Bhutan to strengthen trade and economic relations, inter-alia, through taking up the issues impacting the bilateral trade for early resolution, holding bilateral and multilateral trade discussions from time to time, efforts for improvement of trade infrastructure along the border, providing assistance under Market Access Initiative (MAI) and Market Development Assistance (MDA) schemes to Indian exporters, Export Promotion Councils, Apex Trade Bodies etc. for participation in events in foreign countries, including Bhutan, etc.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3195
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

GOLD IMPORTS

3195. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the gold imports have more than doubled in October this year, arresting the eight month fall in gold imports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the quantum and value of gold imports during each of the last twelve months;
- (d) whether the increase in gold imports has pushed up the trade deficit and has also impacted the current account deficit in the said period; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c) There has been increase in gold imports in the month of October 2016 over the previous few months.

The Quantum and value of gold imports during each of the last twelve months;

MONTH	IMPORT OF GOLD	
	QTY(TON)	VAL(BILLION USD)
OCT-15	48.73	1.68
NOV-15	109.99	3.54
DEC-15	121.84	3.81
JAN-16	93.30	2.91

FEB-16	48.28	1.41
MAR-16	26.82	0.97
APR-16	31.02	1.24
MAY-16	46.57	1.47
JUN-16	39.47	1.21
JUL-16	26.48	1.08
AUG-16	25.73	1.12
SEP-16	50.50	1.80
OCT-16	99.62	3.50

Source: DGCI&S

- (d) Total trade deficit and value of import of Gold in last 12 months and corresponding year before are as follows.

Period	Value of import of Gold USD Billion	Trade deficit (USD Billion)	Import of Gold as a percentage of total Trade deficit
November 2015 to October 2016	24.06	93.76	25.66%
November 2014 to October 2015	34.64	129.58	26.73%

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Source: DGCI&S

- (e) During the period of last 12 months as compared to previous 12 months, value of imported gold as well as trade deficit has declined. As such no corrective measures are under consideration.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3198
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

BAN ON INDIAN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

3198. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

SHRI P. KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether some countries have imposed a ban on the import of various agricultural products from India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, product and country-wise indicating the time period of the ban;
- (c) the details of losses incurred by Indian farmers as a result thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch a new agricultural export policy aiming to boost overseas shipment of agricultural products from India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The European Union had placed an import restriction on five fruits and vegetables species from India viz. Mangifera (Mango), Momordica (Bitter gourd), Trichosanthes (Snake gourd), Solanum melongena (egg plant) and Colocasia leaves (taro) with effect from May, 2014.

This step was taken due to interceptions of export consignment originating from India that were not compliant with EU Phytosanitary regulations.

As a result of efforts made by the Indian Government, EU lifted ban on import of Indian mangoes in February, 2015. EU has now recognized India's efforts for effective plant health control system with improved level of compliance for consignment of fresh fruits and vegetables exported to EU and has decided not to prolong the ban imposed on the import of four vegetables (Bitter gourd, snake gourd, brinjal and colocasia) beyond 31.12.2016.

- (c) It is not feasible to quantify the losses suffered by the farmers due to such bans as alternative avenues for marketing of the produce, both domestic and international, are always available.
- (d) The Government is not contemplating any new agricultural export policy at this stage.
- (e) Does not arise in view of (d) above.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

TRADE SANCTIONS

3205. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the United States of America (USA) is seeking trade sanctions against India after winning a dispute at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) regarding Indian restrictions on imports of USA poultry meat, eggs and live pigs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the USA has requested a WTO meeting to launch the claim for compensation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) to (d): In the WTO dispute DS430 (India - Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products), the United States (US) sought authorization from WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) for trade sanctions against India for its non-compliance of Appellate Body/Panel ruling in this dispute. WTO DSB has referred the US request to the arbitration under Article 22.6 of the WTO Dispute Settlement Understanding (DSU). Government of India (GOI) had issued the Notification as well as the Amended Notification and considers it compliant with its obligations pursuant to the WTO rulings.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3219
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th DECEMBER, 2016

PRICE OF NATURAL RUBBER

3219. SHRI P.K. BIJU:
SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the price of natural rubber has come down during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the prices of natural rubber during the said period;
- (c) whether the rubber growers in Karnataka have not been compensated for the difference between MSP and market price;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to arrest the fall of natural rubber prices; and
- (e) the quantity of rubber produced in India during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (d) Prices of Natural Rubber (NR) has shown a decreasing trend during the last three years and a slight increase is seen in the current year in Indian and international markets. Average annual prices of RSS 4 grade rubber in India and that of comparable grade RSS 3 in Bangkok market are as under:

	Sheet rubber (Rs./kg)	
	Domestic (RSS 4 Kottayam)	International (RSS 3 Bangkok)
2013-14	166.02	155.25
2014-15	132.57	112.71
2015-16	113.06	96.36
April-October 2016	130.53	111.95

Fall in price of the Natural Rubber (NR) is attributable, inter alia, to trends in economic growth, production in major NR producing countries and demand in major consuming countries. Domestic NR prices generally follow the trends in the International market. Natural Rubber being a commercial crop is not considered for minimum price support.

- (e) State wise production of Natural Rubber in India during 2013-14 to 2015-16 is as under:

(Production in Tonne)

State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(p)
Kerala	648220	507700	438630
Tripura	39000	47000	44245
Karnataka	35230	34560	29400
Tamil Nadu	25000	23785	19495
Assam	13600	17310	14560
Meghalaya	7570	8510	7360
Nagaland	1900	2390	3020
Manipur	1065	1150	1660
Others	2415	2595	3630
Total	774000	645000	562000

(p)-Provisional.

Production of NR during April-October 2016 is estimated as 365,000 tonne.
