

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 2
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

EXPORT OF RAW SUGAR TO CHINA

*2. SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreement to export raw sugar to China after considering all market conditions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sugar is the second product after non-basmati rice to be exported to China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the details of profit/loss which the rice export has yielded and the manner in which the Government supports the addition of sugar to the export basket to China in favour of larger GDP growth; and
- (e) whether the Government has considered all stake holders and their needs while signing the agreement and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI SURESH PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA
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REGARDING “EXPORT OF RAW SUGAR TO CHINA”.

(a) & (b): No Madam. The Government has not signed any agreement to export raw sugar to China. Government of India has been consistently making efforts to export sugar to China through engagement with Chinese authorities and facilitating business interactions of our sugar exporters with China's sugar importers.

(c)&(d): In addition to export of sugar and rice, India also exports other commodities/products to China and the details of top 10 principal commodities which are exported to China, along with their exports in the last three years, are placed at **Annex-I**.

The protocol on export of Indian rice to China was signed in Qingdao in June 2018 after which an initial 362 MT of rice has been exported to China in 2018, as reported by the Industry.

In view of the increased sugar production in the last two years, there is an exportable surplus available. As China imports about 3-5 million MTs of sugar every year, the Government has been facilitating regular B2B engagements to enable exporters to export the surplus sugar.

(e): Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Principal Commodity wise Export to China

Principal Commodity	Unit	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Apr- Nov'17	Apr- Nov'18*
		Val in Million USD	Val in Million USD	Val in Million USD	Val in Million USD	Val in Million USD
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	472.34	452.81	1559.63	868.38	1675.60
COPPER AND PRODUCTS MADE OF COPPER		1144.35	702.00	1548.51	950.19	156.84
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	TON	636.11	789.43	1507.00	804.88	2346.41
IRON ORE	TON	155.28	1449.60	1091.23	662.26	581.15
COTTON YARN	TON	1474.51	1045.65	858.84	538.48	892.29
PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	TON	261.13	244.68	494.87	229.54	676.69
GRANITE, NATURAL STONE AND PRODUCT	KGS	408.59	411.59	461.60	301.59	294.80
CASTOR OIL	KGS	276.65	264.93	424.30	286.73	239.77
IRON AND STEEL	TON	145.60	344.84	324.12	202.86	166.40
SPICES	KGS	171.47	193.24	314.69	211.30	236.22
Total top 10#	-	5146.03	5898.76	8584.80	5056.21	7266.17
Total Rest of the commodities	-	3868.52	4273.65	4749.62	3056.59	3831.68
Grand Total	-	9014.55	10172.41	13334.42	8112.80	11097.84

(Source:DGCIS)

**Data for 2018-19 is
provisional*

#Top 10 commodities have been arranged in descending order of export value of 2017-18.

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STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 (H)
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SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

*8(H). SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) the details of the 23 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country, location-wise along with the details of goods for which these SEZs are functioning;
- (b) the details of SEZs out of the said SEZs which are not following the rules laid down in this regard during the last three years, location-wise;
- (c) the details of the action taken by the Government against these SEZs during the said period; and
- (d) the outcome of the said action taken by the Government?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु)

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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STARRED QUESTION NO. 8 (H) FOR ANSWER ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019
REGARDING “SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES”.**

(a): In addition to seven Central Government Special Economic Zones (SEZs) and eleven State/Private Sector SEZs set-up prior to enactment of the SEZs Act, 2005, presently, formal approval has been accorded for setting up of 421 SEZs in the country. Out of the 421 approved SEZs, 355 SEZs have been notified out of which, 231 SEZs are operational. The location-wise details of 231 operational SEZs is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (d): Details of SEZs found violating provisions of SEZs Act/Rules, action taken by the Government against them and outcome of action taken are at **Annexure-II**.

The location-wise details of 231 operational Special Economic Zones				
Sl. No.	State wise Sl. No.	Name of the Developer	Location	Type of SEZ
		ANDHRA PRADESH		
1	1	Visakhapatnam SEZ	Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Multi product
2	2	Divi's Laboratories Limited	Chippada Village, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh	Pharmaceuticals
3	3	Apache SEZ Development India Private Limited	Mandal Tada, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh	Footwear
4	4	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Limited (APIIC)	Madhurawada Village, Visakhapatnam Rural Mandal, Andhra Pradesh	IT/ITES
5	5	Hetero Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Nakkapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh	Pharmaceuticals
6	6	Ace Urban Hitech City Limited	Keesarapalli Village, Gannavaram Mandal, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh	ITES
7	7	Brandix India Apparel City Private Limited	Duppituru, Doturupalem Maruturu and Gurujaplen Villages in Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh	Textile
8	8	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(APIIC)	Atchutapuram and Rambilli Mandals, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh	Multi-Product
9	9	Kakinada SEZ Limited	Ramanakkapeta and A. V. Nagaram Villages, East Godavari District, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	Multi-product
10	10	Ramky Pharma City (India) Pvt. Ltd.	E-Bonangi Villages, Parawada Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh	Pharmaceuticals
11	11	Sri City Private Limited	Chengambakkam, Appaiahpalem, Gollavaripalem, Mallavaripalyam, Aroor, Moporapalle villages at Satyavedu and Vardayya Palem, Mandals, Andhra Pradesh	Multi-product
12	12	Mas Fabric Park (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Chintavaram village, Chillakru Mandal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh	Textile and apparel
13	13	Parry Infrastructure	Vakalapudi Village, Kakinada Rural	Food Processing

		Company Private Limited	Mandal, Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh	
14	14	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(APIIC)	Sarpavaram Viullage, Kakinada Rural East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh	IT/ITES
15	15	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(APIIC)	Villages, Dawarkapuram and Palepolam, Mandals-Naidupeta and Pellakuru, District-Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	Multi-product
16	16	Bhartiya International SEZ. Limited	Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	Leather sector
17	17	Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(APIIC)	Village Annangi and Bodduvanipalem, Mandals Maddipadu and Korispadu, District prakasham, Andhra Pradesh	Building Products
18	18	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Limited	Village Devunipalavalasa, Mandal Ranasthalam, District Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh.	Pharmaceutical
19	19	IFFCO Kisan SEZ Limited	Villages Regadichelika, Racharlapadu, Chowduputtedu, Uchaguntapatem, North Ammuluru, Mandal Kodavaluru, District Nellore, Andhra Pradesh	Multi Product
		CHANDIGARH		
20	1	Chandigarh Administration	Chandigarh	Electronics Hardware, and IT/ITES
21	2	Chandigarh Administration	Chandigarh	IT/ITES
		CHHATTISGARH		
22	1	Lanco Solar Private Limited	Mahroomkala, Mahroomkurd and Chaveli villages, Rajnandgaon District, Chhattisgarh	Solar
		GUJARAT		
23	1	Kandla Special Economic Zone	Kandla, Gujarat	Multi product
24	2	Surat Special Economic Zone	Surat, Gujarat	Multi product
25	3	Surat Apparel Park	Surat, Gujarat	Apparel
26	4	Reliance Jamnagar Infrastructure Limited	Jamnagar, Gujarat	Multi Product
27	5	Zydus Infrastructure Private Limited	Village - Matoda, Sari and Chachanvadi Vasna on NH 8-A, Taluk - Sanand, District Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Pharmaceuticals

28	6	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	Gandhinagar Electronic Estate, Gujarat	IT/ITES
29	7	Dahej SEZ Limited	Taluke Vagra, District Bharuch, Gujarat	Multi Product
30	8	Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Textiles and Articles of Textiles
31	9	Ganesh Infrastructure Private Limited	Village Chharodi Taluka Dascroi, District Ahmedabad, Gujarat	IT/ITES
32	10	AspenPark Infra Vadodara Private Limited (AIVPL)	Taluka Waghodia, District Vadodara, Gujarat	Hi-tech engineering products and related services
33	11	E. Complex Pvt. Ltd.	Village Rampara-II, Taluka: Rajula and Village Lunsapur, Taluka: Jafarabad, District: Amerli, Gujarat	Engineering goods
34	12	Sterling SEZ and Infrastructure Limited	Jambusar, District Bharuch, Gujarat	Multi Product
35	13	Jubilant Infrastructure Limited	Villages Vilayat and Vorasamni, Taluka Vagra, District Bharuch, Gujarat	Chemicals
36	14	Aqualine Properties Private Limited	Village Koba, District Gandhinagar, Gujarat	IT/ITES
37	15	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Gandhinagar, Gujarat	IT/ITES
38	16	Larsen & Toubro Ltd.	Village Ankhola and Bapod, Taluka Vadodara, Dist- Vadodara, Gujarat	IT/ITES
39	17	Euro Multivision Ltd.	District Kutch, Gujarat	Non-conventional Energy including solar energy equipments/ cell
40	18	Calica Construction and Impex Private Limited	Village Ognaj, Taluka Dascroi, District Ahmedabad, Gujarat	IT/ITES
41	19	Adani Port and Special Economic Zone	Village Mundra, Taluka Mundra, District Kutch, Gujarat	Multi Product
42	20	Gift SEZ Limited	Village Phirozpur and Ratanpur, District Gandhinagar, Gujarat	Multi Services
		HARYANA		
43	1	DLF Ltd.	Village Silokhera, Tehsil and District Gurgaon, Haryana	IT/ITES
44	2	DLF Cyber City Developers Ltd.	Gurgaon, Haryana	IT/ITES

45	3	GTV Tech SEZ Pvt. Ltd.	Village Ghamroj, Tehsil-Sohna, Gurgaon Sohna Road, Gurgaon, Haryana	IT/ITES
46	4	Gurgaon Infospace Ltd.	Village Dundahera, District Gurgaon, Haryana	IT/ITES
47	5	ASF Insignia SEZ Private Ltd.	Village Gwal Pahari, Tehsil Sohna, District- Gurgaon, Haryana	IT/ITES
48	6	Condor Gurgaon One Realty Projects Pvt. Ltd.	Village Tikri, Tehsil and District Gurgaon, Haryana	IT/ITES
		KERALA		
49	1	Cochin Special Economic Zone	Cochin, Kerala	Multi product
50	2	Infopark	Kakkanad, Ernakulam, Kerala	IT/ITES
51	3	Cochin Port Trust	Vallapadom, Mulavukadu/Fort Kochi Village, Ernakulam District, Kerala	Port Based
52	4	Cochin Port Trust	Puthuvypeen, Eranakulam District, Kerala	Port Based
53	5	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala	Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala	IT/ITES
54	6	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala	Attipura Vill. Taluk & Distt.Thiruvanthapuram, Kerala	IT/ITES
55	7	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation. (KINFRA)	Ayiroopara and Kazhakoottam Villages, Trivandrum District, Kerala	Animation & Gaming
56	8	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Chelembra Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram District, Kerala	Agro Based Food Processing
57	9	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Thrikkakara village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District, Kerala	Electronics Industries
58	10	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Pallipuram Village, Chertala Taluk, Alappuzha District Kerala.	IT/ITES
59	11	Carborundum Universal Ltd.	Village Thrikkakara North, Taluka Kanayannur, District Ernakulam, Kerala.	Solar Photovoltaic
60	12	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Village Mulavana, District Kollam, Kerala	IT/ITES
61	13	Electronics Technology	Village Attipra, Taluk and District	IT/ITES

		Parks-Kerala (Technopark)	Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.	
62	14	Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society Limited (ULCCS LTD)	Nellikode Village, Kozhikode District, Kerala	IT/ITES
63	15	Sutherland Global Services Private Limited	Village Thrikkakara North, Taluka Kanayannur, District Ernakulam, Kerala.	IT/ITES
64	16	Smart City (Kochi) Infrastructure Limited	Village Kakkanad, Taluka Kanayannur, District Ernakulam, Kerala	IT/ITES
65	17	Infoparks Kerala	Village Puthencruz and Kunnathunadu, Taluka Kunnathunadu, District Ernakulam, Kerala	IT/ITES
66	18	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL)	Village Pantheerankavu and Nellikode, Taluka Kozhikode, District Kozhikode, Kerala.	IT/ITES
67	19	Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL)	Village Muringur – Thekkumuri, Mukundapuram Taluk, Koratty Panchayath, Thrissur District, Kerala	IT/ITES SEZ
		KARNATAKA		
68	1	WIPRO Limited	Doddathogur Village, Begur Hobli, Electronic City, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT
69	2	WIPRO Limited	Doddakannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Sarjapur Road, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT
70	3	Biocon Limited.	Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka	Bio-technology
71	4	Vikas Telecom Private Limited	Outer Ring Road, Devarabeesanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Karnataka	IT/ITES
72	5	RMZ Ecoworld Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Devarabeesanahalli, Bhoganahalli and Doddakanahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
73	6	Tanglin Development Ltd.	Global Village' Pattengere/Mylasandra Villages, Off Mysore Road, RVCE Post, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
74	7	Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB)	Village Perumenahally, Kokkanagatta, Sumudra Vally, Hamumanthapura, Taluk Hassan, Karnataka	Textile
75	8	Shyamaraju and Company (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Kundalahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, District Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES enabled sevices
76	9	Cessna Business Park Pvt.	Kadubeesanahalli Vill, Varthur Hobli,	IT/ITES

		Ltd.	District Bangalore, Karnataka	
77	10	Manyata Embassy Business Park	Rachenhalli & Nagavara Vill., Bangalore Distt., Karnataka	IT/ITES
78	11	HCL Technologies Ltd.	Jigani Industrial Area, Attibele Taluka, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
79	12	Information Technology Park Limited	Sadaramangala and Pattandur Agrahara Village, Whitefield Road, District Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
80	13	Infosys Limited	Hebbal Industrial area, District Mysore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
81	14	Infosys Technologies Limited	Hebbal Industrial area, District Mysore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
82	15	Pritech Park	Bellandur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, Karnataka	IT/ITES
83	16	Aspen Infra Padubidri Private Limited (AIPPL)	Nadasalu, Nandikooru, Polimaru and Hejamadi villagesin Udupi Taluk, Karnataka	Engineering
84	17	Mangalore SEZ Limited	Baikampady Near Mangalore, Dakshina Kannada District, Karnataka	Multi Product
85	18	Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB)	District Hassan, Karnataka	Pharmaceuticals
86	19	Bagmane Construction Pvt. Ltd	Mahadevpura, K R Puram, Bangalore North, Karnataka	IT/ITES
87	20	Quest SEZ Development Private Limited	Hattargi and Mastiholi villages, Hukkeri Taluk, Belgaum District, Karnataka	Precision Engineering Product
88	21	Karle Infra Pvt. Ltd.	Nagavara Village, North Bangalore Taluka, Karnataka	IT/ITES
89	22	Gopalan Enterprises (India) Private Limited.	Village Mahadevpura and Kaggadapura, K.R. Puram, Whitefield, Bangalore, Karnataka.	IT/ITES
90	23	Karnataka State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (KEONICS)	Village Machenahalli and Nidige, District Shimoga, Karnataka	Electronics Hardware and Software/ ITES
91	24	Larsen & Toubro Limited	KIADB Industrial Area, Taluka Hebbal-Hootagally, District Mysore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
92	25	Milestone Buildcon Private	Village Chokkanahalli, Taluka Yelahanka	IT/ITES

		Limited	Hobli Bangalore North, Karnataka	
93	26	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB)	Village Bhatramaranahalli. Kavadadasanahalli, Dummanahalli, Talukas Bangalore North and Devanahali, Distt. Bangalore, Karnataka	Aerospace and Industry
94	27	Wipro Limited.	Village Kodathi, Varthur Hobli, Sarjapur Road, District Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
95	28	Infosys Limited	Gokul Village, within the limits of Hobli, Hubli Taluk, District Dharward, Near Airport Hubli, Karnataka	IT/ITES
96	29	Amin Properties LLP	Pujanahalli Village, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
97	30	Bagmane Developers Pvt. Ltd.	Outer Ring Road, Doddanekundi Circle, Marathalli Post, Bengaluru, Karnataka	IT/ITES
98	31	RGA Infrastructure	Sy. No. 31/1, Chikkankannelli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka	IT/ITES
		MAHARASHTRA		
99	1	SEEPZ Special Economic Zone	Mumbai, Maharashtra	Multi product
100	2	Serum Bio-pharma Park	Pune, Maharashtra	Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology
101	3	EON Kharadi Infrastructure Private Limited	Taluka Haveli, District Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
102	4	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	Shendre Industrial Area, District Aurangabad, Maharashtra	Engineering & Electronics
103	5	WIPRO Limited	Hinjawadi District, Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
104	6	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	Village Krushnoor, Taluka Naigaon, District Nanded, Maharashtra	Pharmaceuticals
105	7	Syntel International Private Limited	Talwade Software Park, District Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
106	8	The Manjri Stud Farm Private Limited	Village Phursungi, Taluka Haveli, Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
107	9	HGP Community Pvt. Ltd.	Village Powai, District Mumbai, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
108	10	Wokhardt Infrastructure Development Limited	Shendre Five Star Industrial Ares, Aurangabad District, Maharashtra	Pharmaceuticals

109	11	Infosys Technologies Limited	Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Phase –II, village Mann, Tal. Mulshi, District Pune in the State of Maharashtra	IT/ITES
110	12	Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC)	Nagpur (MIHAN), District Nagpur, Mahatashtra	Multi-product
111	13	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation Limited (MIDC)	Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjawadi, Phase-III, District Pune, Mahatashtra	IT/ITES
112	14	Magarpatta Township Development and Construction Company Ltd.	Magarpatta City, Village Hadapsar, Taluka, Haveli, District Pune, Maharashtra	Electronics Hardware and Software including information technology enabled Services
113	15	Quadron Business Parks Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 28, MIDC, Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjewadi, Phase-II, District-Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
114	16	Qubix Business Park Pvt. Ltd.	Village- Hinjawadi, Taluka- Mulshi, District- Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
115	17	Serene Properties Private Limited	Kalwa Trans Thane Creek Industrial Area, MIDC, District Thane, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
116	18	Pune Embassy India Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 3, Rajiv Gandhi Infotech Park, Hinjewadi, Phase II, Village Marunji, Taluka Muslhi, District Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
117	19	Sunstream City Private Limited	Village Mulund, Taluka Kurla, District Mumbai Suburban and Village Kopri, Taluka Thane, District Thane, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
118	20	Wardha Power Company Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. B-2, MIDC, Warora Growth Centre, Warora, District- Chandrapur, Maharashtra	Power Sector
119	21	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	Kesurde village, Satara District, Maharashtra	Engineering
120	22	Persipina Developers Pvt. Ltd. (PDPL)	Village Bhokarpada, Panvel, District Raigarh, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
121	23	Arshiya International Limited	Village Sai, Taluka Panvel, District Raigad, Maharashtra	FTWZ
122	24	Indiabulls Industrial Infrastructure Limited	Villages Musalgaon and Gulvanch, Taluka Sinnar, District Nasik, Maharashtra	Multi-product
123	25	Khed Economic Infrastructure Private	Village Kendur, Taluka Shirur and Villages Nimgaon, Dawdi, Kanhersar Taluka Khed,	Multi Product

		Limited	District Pune, Maharashtra.	
124	26	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	Village Suradi and Nandal, Taluka Phaltan, District Satara, Maharashtra	Engineering
125	27	Gigaplex Estate Private Limited	Villages Airoli and Dighe, District Thane, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
126	28	iGate Global Solutions Ltd.	Plot No. IT-3, IT-4, Airoli Knowledge Park, TTC Industrial Area, MIDC, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	Electronic Hardware & Software including ITES
127	29	Aurum Platz IT Pvt. Ltd. (Formerly Loma IT Park, Developers Pvt. Ltd.)	G-4/1, TTC Industrial Area, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
128	30	EON Kharadi Infrastructure Private Limited (Phase-II)	Survey No.72, Hissa No.2/1, Village Kharadi, Pune, Maharashtra	IT/ITES
		MADHYA PRADESH		
129	1	Indore SEZ	Sector-3, Pithampur Distt. Dhar (MP)	Multi product
130	2	Crystal IT Park SEZ (M.P. Audyogik Kendra Vikas Nigam(Indore) Ltd.)	Indore, Madhya Pradesh	IT/ITES enabled sevices
131	3	Impetus Infotech (India) Private Limited	Village Badiyakima district Indore, Madhya Pradesh	IT/ITES
132	4	Infosys Ltd.	Village tigariya Badshah, Indore, Madhya Pradesh	IT
133	5	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Village Bada Bangarda & Tigariya Badshah, Madhya Pradesh	IT/ITES/BPO/KPO
		ODISHA		
134	1	Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)	Chandaka Industrial Estate, P.S. Chandrasekharpur, Tehsil Bhubneshwar, District Khurda, Odisha	IT/ITES
135	2	Vedanta Aluminium Limited	Brundamal and Kurebaga Villages, Tehsil and District - Jharsuguda, Odisha	Manufacture and Export of Aluminium
136	3	Saraf Agencies Private Limited	Chhatrapur, gunjam District, Odisha	Mineral based industries
137	4	Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (IDCO)	Village Gaudakashipur and Arisal, Tehsil Jatni, District Khurda, Odisha	IT(Knowledge Park)
138	5	Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited	Gopalpur, District- Ganjam, Odisha	Multi Product

		PUNJAB		
139	1	Quarkcity India Pvt. Ltd.	Focal Point Industrial area, Phase VIII-Extension, District- Mohali, Punjab	IT
140	2	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.	Plot No. A-41, Focal Point, Mohali, Punjab	Pharmaceuticals
141	3	Infosys Limited	Plot No. I-3, IT City, Sector – 83, Alpha, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab	IT/ITES
		RAJASTHAN		
142	1	Jaipur Special Economic Zone	Jaipur, Rajasthan	Gems and Jewellery
143	2	Mahindra World City (Jaipur) Limited	Village Kalwara, Jhai, Bhambhoriya, Bagru Khurd & Newta, Tehsil- Sanganer, District - Jaipur, Rajasthan	Multi Product
		TAMIL NADU		
144	1	MEPZ Special Economic Zone	Chennai, Tamil Nadu	Multi product
145	2	Mahindra World City Developers Limited	Taluk Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	IT/Hardware & Bio-Informatics
146	3	Mahindra World City Developers Limited	Taluk Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Auto Ancillary
147	4	Mahindra World City Developers Limited	Taluk Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Apparel & Fashion Accessories
148	5	Nokia India Pvt. Ltd.	Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu	Manufacture and Assembling of Electronics Telecommunications IT hardware(including Mobile Phones, Parts, Components and Accessories for Phone and networks) and Development of Software, R&D activities and other services
149	6	Flextronics Technologies (India) Private Limited	Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu	Electronics Hardware and related services
150	7	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Siruseri and Egattur, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	IT

151	8	Syntel International Private Limited	Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
152	9	IG3 Infra Limited	Pallikkarani Village, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
153	10	Hexaware Technologies Limited	SIPCOT IT Park, Old Mahabalipuram Road, Siruseri, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
154	11	Shriram Properties and Infrastructure Private Limited	Perungalathur village, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
155	12	Coimbatore Hitech Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Kecranatham Village, Coimbatore(N) Taluk, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu	IT/ITES
156	13	DLF Infocity Developers (Cheenai) Ltd.	Manapakkam & Mulivakkam Vill.,Kancheepuram Distt. Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
157	14	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu	SIPCOT Industrial area, Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu	Electronics / Telecom hardware and support services, including trading and logistics activities
158	15	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu (ELCOT)	Village Vilankurichi, Coimbatore North Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
159	16	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT)	Sholinganallur, Tambaram Taluka, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
160	17	Cheyyar SEZ Developers Pvt. Ltd.	SIPCOT Cheyyar Industrial Park in Mathur, Mangal Villages, Thiruvannamalai District, Tamil Nadu	Footwear
161	18	Estancia IT Park Pvt. Ltd.	Vallancheri and Potheri Villages, Chengalpet Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Electronic Hardware & software including ITES
162	19	Span Venture Pvt. Ltd.	Kurichi village, Eachanari, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
163	20	AspenPark Infra Coimbatore Private Limited (AICPL)	Karumatampatti and Kittampalayam villages, Palladam Taluk, Coimbatore District, Tamil Nadu	Hi-tech engineering products and related services
164	21	ETA Technopark Private Limited	Old Mahabalipuram Road, Navallur Village, Chengalpet Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
165	22	New Chennai Township Private Limited	Seekinakuppam Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Engineering sector including auto ancillaries

166	23	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu	SIPCOT of Tamil Nadu Industrial Growth Centres, Sriperumbudur Taluka, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Electronics Hardware and related support services including trading and logistics operations
167	24	New Chennai Township Private Limited	Seekinakuppam (Paramankeni and Vellur Villages), Cheyyur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Multi services
168	25	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu	SIPCOT of Tamil Nadu Complex, Ranipet Phase-III, Mukuntharayapuram Village, Walajah Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu	Engineering
169	26	Cognizant Technology Solutions India Pvt. Ltd.	SIPCOT IT Park, Siruseri and Kazhipattur villages, Chennai, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
170	27	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT)	Navalpattu Village, Tiruchirapalli Taluk, Tiruchirapalli District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
171	28	J. Matadee Free Trade Zone Private Limited	Mannur and Valarpuram Villages, Sriperumbudur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	FTWZ
172	29	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited	SIPCOT Growth Centre, Perundurai Village, Erode District, Tamil Nadu	Engineering
173	30	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT)	Ilandhikulam Village, Madurai I, Madurai North Taluk, Madurai District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
174	31	Electronics Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (ELCOT)	Jagir Ammapalayam Village, Salem Taluk, Salem District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
175	32	State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu	Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu	Transport engineering goods including manufacture of tyres and tubes for all purposes and for transport industry sector
176	33	IG3 Infra Limited (ETL Infrastructure Services Limited)	Vadamugam Kangeyampalayam Village, Perundurai Taluka, Erode District, Tamil Nadu	Textile
177	34	AMRL International Tech City Ltd.	Nanguneri Taluk, Tirunelveli District, Tamil Nadu	Multi-product

178	35	Tril Infopark Ltd.	Kanagam village of Mambalam-Guindy Taluk and Thiruvannamiyur village of Mylapore-Triplicane Taluk, Chennai District, Tamil Nadu	IT/ITES
179	36	CCCL Pearl City Food Port SEZ Ltd.	Vadakkukaracheri and Thimmarajapura Villages, Tuticorin District, Tamil Nadu	Food Processing
180	37	L&T Shipbuilding Limited	Village Kattupalli, Ponneri Taluk, District Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu	Heavy Engineering Sector
181	38	Cheyyar SEZ Developers Pvt. Ltd.	SIPCOT Industrial Growth Centre, Bargur, Uthangarai and Pochampalli Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu	Footwear
182	39	Frontier Lifeline Pvt. Ltd.	Edur Village, Gummudipundi Taluk, Thiruvallur District, Tamil Nadu	Biotechnology
183	40	Platinum Holdings Pvt. Ltd	2/1, Abu Gardens, OMR Road, Navalur, Chennai- 600 130	IT/ITES
		TELANGANA		
184	1	WIPRO Limited	Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana	IT
185	2	L&T Phoenix Infoparks Private Limited	Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
186	3	Hyderabad Gems SEZ Limited	Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	Gems and Jewellery
187	4	Tech Mahindra Ltd.	Bahadurpally Village, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana	IT/ITES
188	5	Tech Mahindra Ltd.	Hiotec City, Madhapur, District Hyderabad, Telangana	IT/ITES
189	6	Sundew Properties Pvt. Ltd.	Madhapur, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana	IT/ITES
190	7	CMC Limited	Village Gachibowli, Rajendra Nagar Taluk, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES enabled services
191	8	FAB City SPV (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Villages Srinagar and Raviryal, Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	Manufacturing and developing of semi-conductor facility with Free trade and Warehousing Zone
192	9	Indu Techzone Private Limited	Mamidipalli Village, Saroornagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
193	10	Lanco Hills Technology	Manikonda Village, Rajendranagar Mandal,	IT/ITES

		Park Private Limited	Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	
194	11	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(TSIIC)	Nanakramguda Village, Serilingampalli Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
195	12	DLF Info City Hyderabad Limited (	Gachibowli village, Shirlingampalli Mandal, Ranga Reddy Telangana	IT/ITES
196	13	NSL SEZ(Hyd) Pvt. Ltd.	IDA Uppal Industrial Development Area, Hyderabad, Telangana	IT/ITES
197	14	DivyaSree NSL Infrastructure Private Limited	Raidurga Village, Serilingampalli Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana	IT/ITES
198	15	J. T. Holdings Private Limited	Imarat Kancha, Raviriyal Village, Himarath Taluka, Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
199	16	Stargaze Properties Private Limited.	Kancha Imarat, Raviryal village, Maheshwaram Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
200	17	Serene Properties Pvt. Ltd.	Pocharam village, Hayathnagar Taluka, Ghatkesar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad, Telangana	IT/ITES
201	18	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(TSIIC)	Pollepally village, Jedcharla Mandal, Mahaboobnagar District, Telangana	Pharmaceuticals Formulation
202	19	WIPRO Limited	Gopanpally and Vattinagulapally villages, Serilingampally Mandal Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
203	20	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(TSIIC)	Madikonda Village, Hanamkonda Mandal, Warangal District, Telangana	IT/ITES
204	21	Infosys Limited	Pocharam Village, Ghatkesar Mandal, Rangareddy District, Telangana	IT
205	22	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(TSIIC)	Aditya Nagar, Adibatla village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	Aerospace and Precision Engineering Industries
206	23	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Adibatla village, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	IT/ITES
207	24	Telangana State Industrial Infrastructural Corporation Ltd.(TSIIC)	Genome Valley, Village Lalgadi Malakpet, Mandal Shameerpet, Ranga Reddy, Telangana	Biotechnology

208	25	GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited	Village Mamidipally, District Ranga Reddy, Telangana	Aviation
209	26	Shantha Biotechnics Pvt. Ltd.	Village Muppireddipally, Mandal Toopran, District Medak, Telangana	Biotech and related activities
210	27	Radiant Corporation Private Limited	Muppireddypally Village, Telangana	Electronic Hardware and Software and related activities
211	28	Mantri Developers Private Limited	Nanakramguda village, Gachibowli, Serilingampally Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, Telangana	Electronic Hardware and Software including IT/ITES
212	29	Laxmi Infobahn Pvt. Ltd.	Kokapet Village, Rajendranagar Mandal, Telangana	IT/ITES
		UTTAR PRADESH		
213	1	Noida Special Economic Zone	Uttar Pradesh	Multi product
214	2	Moradabad Special Economic Zone (UPSIDC)	Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh	Handicraft broad-banded with Engineering
215	3	Moser Bear India Ltd.	Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	Non-conventional Energy including solar energy equipments/ cell
216	4	Ansal IT City and Parks Limited	Techzone, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES
217	5	HCL Technologies Ltd.	Sector 126, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES
218	6	NIIT Technologies Limited SEZ	Plot No. TZ-02, Sector-Tech Zone, ITES Park, Greater Noida, UP	IT/ITES
219	7	WIPRO Limited	Gautam Budh Nagar, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES
220	8	Seaview Developers Limited	Plot No. 20&21, Sector-135, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT
221	9	Oxygen Business Parks Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 7, Sector- 144, Noida, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES
222	10	Arshiya Northern FTWZ Limited	Ibrahimpur, Junaidpur Urf Maujpur, District-Bulandshahar, Uttar Pradesh.	FTWZ
223	11	Artha Infratech Private Limited	Sector Techzone-IV, Greater Noida, District Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh	Electronic Hardware and software including IT/ITES

224	12	HCL IT City Lucknow Private Limited	Village Kanjehara & Mastemau, Chack Gajaria Farms, Sultanpur Road, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	IT/ITES
		WEST BENGAL		
225	1	Falta Special Economic Zone	Falta, West Bengal	Multi product
226	2	Manikanchan Special Economic Zone	West Bengal	Gems and Jewellery
227	3	Wipro Special Economic Zone	West Bengal	IT
228	4	M.L. Dalmiya and Company Limited	South 24 Parganas, Kolkata, West Bengal	IT/ITES
229	5	Candor Kolkata One Hi-tech Structures Private Limited	Rajarhat Dist. North 24 Parganas, Kolkata, West Bengal	IT/ITES
230	6	Tata Consultancy Services Limited	Plot No. II-F/3, Action Area-II, New Town, Kolkata, West Bengal	IT/ITES
231	7	DLF Limited	Plot No.II/1, Block-II F, Action Area-II, New Kolkata Township, Rajarhat, Kolkata, West Bengal	IT/ITES

Details of SEZs not following rules laid down				
Sl. No.	Name of the Developer	Location	Action taken by the Government against these SEZs	Outcome of the action taken by the Government
1.	M/s. Mahindra World City Developers Ltd. and Co-developer M/s. Mahindra Residential Developers Ltd., M/s. Mahindra Integrated Township Ltd. & M/s. Mahindra Lifespace Developers Ltd.	Taluk Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Show cause notice was issued on 18.02.2014 for recovery of duties availed for leasing residential units.	The matter is sub-judice.
2.	M/s. New Chennai Township Private Ltd.	Seekinakuppam Village, Cheyyar Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Order-in-original dated 15.02.2016 was issued for recovery of duties availed for leasing residential units.	The matter is sub-judice.
3.	M/s. New Chennai Township Private Ltd.	Seekinakuppam (Paramankeni and Vellur Villages), Cheyyur Taluk, Kancheepuram District, Tamil Nadu	Order-in-original dated 15.02.2016 was issued for recovery of duties availed for leasing residential units.	The matter is sub-judice.
4.	M/s. Persipina Developers Pvt. Ltd. (PDPL) (formerly Sunny Vista Realtors Private Ltd.)	Village Bhokarpada, Panvel, District Raigarh, Maharashtra	The developer was asked to de-notified 1009994 Sqm. of the SEZ for violation of SEZs Act/Rules.	1009994 Sqm. of the SEZ have been de-notified on 17.01.2019 after the developer has refunded a sum of Rs. 12,82,76,794 and Rs. 25,42,16,459 towards Central Excise, Customs and Service Tax benefits availed.
5.	M/s. Ansal IT City and Parks Ltd. and Co-developer Earth Iconic Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. SEZ	Techzone, Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh	The Board of Approval on 02.11.2018 directed issuance of show cause notice to the developer and co-developer under Section 10 of the SEZ Act, 2005.	A draft show cause notice has been prepared for vetting and issue.
6.	M/s. Ganesh Housing Corporation Ltd.	District Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Show cause notice has been issued to the developer for violation of condition of Letter of Approval.	Quasi-judicial proceeding has been initiated.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

BRANCHES OF IIFT

2. DR. C. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up branches to Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in other parts of the country especially in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also any proposal to increase the seats in IIFT; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a)&(b): As of now, the Government has no proposal to set up branch of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) in Tamil Nadu.

(c)&(d): At present, the Institute is not considering to increase the seats in current year.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 8
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

INVESTMENT BY UAE AND SAUDI ARABIA FOR FOOD SECURITY

8. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) whether the UAE and Saudi Arabia had decided to use India as a base to address their food security concerns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it will be similar to a Special Economic Zone keeping a specific UAE market in mind; and
- (d) if so, the details of the plan and outlay in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) to (d): Government of UAE has designated Emaar to pursue a major food security project with India. It envisages establishing logistics and cold storage chains and food processing facilities in MP, Maharashtra and Gujarat with the intention to treble the export of food products from India to UAE from the current level of \$2.2 billion to about \$6-7 billion in three years.

No such formal proposal has been received from Saudi Arabia so far.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 11
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

PRODUCTION, EXPORT AND IMPORT OF CARDAMOM

11. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

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

- (a) the details of total cardamom produced, exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has noticed the distress of cardamom farmers due to steep fall in prices of cardamom in the domestic market;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken/being taken by the Government to protect the interests of the cardamom cultivators;
- (d) the details of measures taken to prevent the smuggling of cardamom to domestic market through neighbouring countries; and
- (e) the details of measures taken by the Government to boost the production and export of cardamom?

ANSWER

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- (a) The details of total cardamom produced, exported and imported during the last three years and in the current year are given in the table :-

Production, Export & Import of Cardamom						
<i>Spices</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Production (Tons)</i>	<i>Export</i>		<i>Import</i>	
			<i>Quantity (Tons)</i>	<i>Value (Rs.Crore.)</i>	<i>Quantity (Tons)</i>	<i>Value (Rs.Crore)</i>
Cardamom(small)	2015-16	23,890	5,500	449.83	850	44.74
	2016-17	17,990	3,850	421.50	1720	88.70
	2017-18	20,650	5,680	609.08	685	43.79
	2018-19(*)	12,950	2,250	242.50	353	28.24
Cardamom(large)	2015-16	5,315	600	75.51	3410	307.95
	2016-17	5570	780	82.65	3120	242.42
	2017-18	5,905	760	56.47	5,670	331.09
	2018-19(*)	6,038	585	34.63	2,270	119.86

Source : Production : Estimate by Spices Board

Export/Import : DGCI&S Kolkata/Exporters' Returns/DLE/DLI from Customs

(*) Production : Preliminary estimate; Export / Import – Estimate for April 18-Oct.18 period

- (b) The price of cardamom (small) has been showing fluctuating trend during the last three years. During the current year, the price has shown increasing trend in the domestic market. However, the price of cardamom (large) has been showing a declining trend in the domestic market from the year 2015-16 onwards. The weighted average auction price of cardamom (small) in India and the average domestic price of cardamom (large) at Gangtok for the last three years and in the current year are given below :

Crop Year	Weighted Average Auction Price of cardamom (small)
2015-16	628.64
2016-17	1088.50
2017-18	955.82
2018-19 (Aug-Dece.) (provisional)	1246.23

Source : Reports received from licensed cardamom auctioneers

Year	Average domestic price of cardamom (large) at Gangtok Market
2015-16	1470.91
2016-17	973.94
2017-18	599.70
2018-19 (Apr-Dec)	542.08

Source : Spices Board, Gangtok

(c) to (e): Union Government through Spices Board has been implementing various programmes/schemes under the Integrated Scheme for Export Promotion and Quality Improvement in Spices, and, Research and Development of Cardamom to increase the income of cardamom farmers which include, increasing production and productivity of cardamom through production of quality planting materials in the growers field, replanting of old, senile and uneconomic gardens, new planting of cardamom (large) in Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, assistance for farm mechanization to address the labour problem and to reduce the cost of production, supply of Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) kits to cardamom (small) growers to improve the quality of cardamom to get higher price for growers, promotional measures to increase the domestic consumption of cardamom, aggregation of farmers by promoting the formation of Spices Producer Societies for common processing, value addition, direct marketing etc. for better price realization, setting up of e-auction centres for cardamom (small) to ensure transparency and better price for cardamom to the growers etc.

Further, to protect the interest of domestic cardamom industry and to control the import of inferior quality cardamom from other origins, the Government had fixed the Minimum Import Price (MIP) of Cardamom at Rs. 500 per kg vide Notification dated the 6th February, 2015 as there was drastic fall in the price of cardamom (small).

Measures taken by the Government to boost export of cardamom and other spices include development of infrastructure for common processing facilities in Spices Parks, adoption of Hi-Tech in spice processing, technology and process upgradation, setting-up/up-gradation of in-house quality evaluation labs, study of markets abroad, product development and research, pre-export analytical tests for meeting the quality specifications of consumer countries, assistance to farmers for post-harvest quality improvement in spices, trade promotion activities including participation in international fairs, promotion of Indian spice brands, conducting training programmes for the stakeholders in Good Agricultural Practices etc.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 17
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

CAPITAL INFUSION IN ECGC

17. DR. K. GOPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved a capital infusion of Rs. 2,000 crore into the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) to be infused over the three financial years 2017-20 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the infusion would enhance insurance coverage to MSME exports and strengthen India's exports to emerging and challenging markets like Africa, CIS and Latin American countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the increased capital infusion would also help ECGC to diversify its product portfolio and provide cost effective credit insurance to exporters and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) Yes. Government of India has approved capital infusion of Rs. 2,000 Crore to be released during FY 2017-18 to FY2019-20. The details are as under:

FY 2017-18	Rs. 50 Crores; Released.
FY 2018-19	Rs. 500 Crores; Released.
FY 2019-20	The proposal to release the rest amount of Rs. 1450 Crores has been submitted and same shall be decided by the Ministry of Finance as per the availability of the fund.

- (b) Yes. The capital infusion is necessary to strengthen ECGC underwriting capabilities to support MSME exports and exports to challenging & emerging markets like Africa, CIS and Latin American countries.
- (c) During FY 2017-18, ECGC supported exports & export loans of Rs. 6.41 lakh crore. Around 20,000 distinct exporters are benefitted out of ECGC covers. Out of this, MSME share was more than 85%.
- (d) Yes. The enhanced capital will enable ECGC to diversify its portfolio like factoring facilities to MSME exporters and a more liberal underwriting approach to challenging & emerging markets like Africa, CIS and Latin American countries. Enhanced capital will also enable continuation of cost effective credit insurance to exporters.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 18
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

EXPORT OF GRAPES

18. SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

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

- (a) the details of the quantum and value of grapes and its products exported from the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether grape owners and exporters of the country including Maharashtra region have incurred heavy losses on export of grapes;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes any relief measures for the grape owners and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate schemes in consultation with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority of India to export grapes to newer areas/ countries;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the export of grapes from the country?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) The details of the quantum and value of grapes and its products exported from the country during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Quantity in MT, Value in USD Million								
	2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (April-November)	
Product	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Grapes, Fresh	132647.60	203.16	198471.30	268.29	188221.18	294.59	40581.92	52.35
Raisins (Grapes Dried)	26825.10	31.16	30859.09	40.22	25259.51	37.05	14919.15	30.79
Others Grapes	1556.34	1.57	1786.47	2.18	959.90	1.12	568.32	0.67

Dried								
Total	161029.04	235.89	231116.86	310.69	214440.59	332.76	56069.39	83.81

Source: DGCI&S

- (b) The Government has not received any reports of grape producers and exporters having incurred heavy losses on export of grapes during the last three years and the current year.
- (c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.
- (d) to (f) Promotion of exports of agricultural products like grapes is a continuous process. India has filed Market Access Requests for Grapes with several countries viz. Australia, Indonesia, Japan, Malawi, New Zealand, South Korea, USA and Vietnam. Under the newly introduced Agriculture Export Policy, Pune, Nasik and Sangli districts of Maharashtra have been identified as a cluster for export-oriented production of grapes. 7% MEIS is available on the export of grapes. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has been mandated with the export promotion of grapes. APEDA has implemented GrapeNet, which is a web-based service offered to the stakeholders for facilitating testing and certification of Grapes for export from India in compliance with the standards identified by NRC Pune, on the basis of consultation with the exporters. GrapeNet collects, stores and reports – forward and backward traces and quality assurance data entered by the stakeholders, ie., exporters, laboratories and PSC authorities within the Grapes supply chain in India.. Moreover, APEDA has also been providing assistance to the Grape exporters under various components of its export promotion scheme.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 21
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

WTO ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

21. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the affairs at the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the global trading system have been witnessing challenges and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is also true that for the first time the country is seeing a real challenge at WTO and the global trading system itself;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether some other countries are putting roadblocks and it is going to be a real issue and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government is also talking with the European Union on the WTO issue and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

(a)to(d):The World Trade Organization and the global trading system are facing serious challenges in terms of unilateral measures and counter measures by some members, deadlock in important areas of negotiations and ongoing impasse in the appointment of members of the Appellate Body of WTO's dispute settlement mechanism. These challenges have necessitated a discussion among members for reforms in the WTO, with a view to plug the gaps in the WTO rules and procedures. India, as a strong supporter of the multilateral trading system,supports reforms of the WTO provided that the process is inclusive and addresses the developmental concerns of developing and least developing countries.

(e): Yes, Madam. There has been an impasse in the matter of selection of members of the Appellate Body Members of the WTO. The robust Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the WTO ensures that the rules of global trade agreed at the forum are not breached by members. India has been engaging with several WTO Members on the way forward at the WTO. India has recently co-sponsored a proposal with the European Union and other members on reform of the dispute settlement mechanism addressing various challenges. The proposal, inter alia, addresses various imperative issues of timelines, the appointment process of the Appellate Body members, their tenure and other conditions so that the Appellate Body and the Dispute Settlement Mechanism work more efficiently.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 44
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

DATA-ADEQUACY STATUS FOR INDIAN COMPANIES

44. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

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

- (a) whether India has taken any steps to further the talks with European Union (EU) on data-adequacy status for Indian companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether India has been engaged in conversation on cross-border data flow in bilateral and multilateral talks with EU, US and other countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with names of countries with which India is in talks for working out mechanisms for cross-border data flow; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Data Security Expert Group was set up by the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MEITY) to resolve the Information Technology and Information Technology Enabled Services (IT/ ITES) business issues relating to Data adequacy/ security with the European Union (EU) and to have meaningful market access for Indian IT/ITES companies. Further, a meeting of the India-EU Joint Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Working Group, which is also led by MEITY, along with ICT Business Dialogue and Workshop on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), was held during 20th-21st March, 2018 to discuss issues including data adequacy, movement of data, mobility of IT experts in EU countries etc.

(c), (d) & (e): In February, 2017, India tabled a proposal on 'Trade Facilitation Agreement for Services' (TFS) in the World Trade Organisation (WTO). The proposal, inter-alia, contained a provision on 'facilitating cross border flow of information' with respect to commitments on cross border supply of services. Further, at the Eleventh WTO Ministerial Conference (MC11) in December 2017, Members reaffirmed the WTO Work Programme on Electronic Commerce which has an exploratory and non-negotiating mandate. However, on the margins of the MC11, Ministers representing 71 WTO members issued a Joint Statement on Electronic Commerce to initiate exploratory work towards future WTO negotiations on trade-related aspects of electronic commerce. Since India is a proponent of a non-negotiating

Work Programme on Electronic Commerce, India has not joined discussions on cross border data flow in the WTO. Also wherever relevant, this issue has been discussed in Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations with different countries.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 49
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

EXPORT AND PRODUCTION OF COFFEE

49. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether the export of coffee has impacted the prices of coffee in the domestic market and if so, the details thereof along with the demand and consumption of coffee in domestic market;
- (b) whether there has been a gradual increase in the production of coffee in the country and if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the quantum and value of coffee exported from the country during the last three years along with the revenue generated therefrom;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide support for the certification of organic coffee and if so, the details thereof along with the total quantity of organic coffee exported during the last three years; and
- (e) whether the Coffee Board has granted ad hoc bonus for the employees of Coffee Board since 2015-16 onwards and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) No, Madam. Coffee is primarily an export oriented commodity for India. The demand/ consumption in domestic market is about 25% to 30% of country's total coffee production and therefore, does not drastically impact the prices of coffee in the domestic market.
- (b) Coffee production fell after reaching at peak in 2015-16 but there has been a gradual increase in the production of coffee in the country in the last two years. The production of coffee in the country during each of the last three years, State wise is as under:

(In MT)

State	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
Karnataka	251520	221745	222300

Kerala	69230	63265	65735
Tamil Nadu	17295	16335	17440
Andhra Pradesh	9200	9800	9600
Odisha	600	650	740
North Eastern States	155	205	185
Total	348000	312000	316000

Source: Coffee Board, Bengaluru.

(c) The quantum and value of coffee exported from the country during the last three years along with the revenue generated are as under:

Year	Quantity (MT)#	Value (Rs.Crores)
2015-16	3,10,015	5,056
2016-17	3,43,933	5,447
2017-18*	3,95,014	6,210

The total coffee exports include export of Indian coffees as well as re-export of imported coffees after value addition.

* Provisional based on export permits issued

Source: Coffee Board, Bengaluru

(d) The details of the exports of Organic Coffee produced in India for last three years is as under:

Year	Export in MT
2015-16	2004.07
2016-17	2224.15
2017-18	2940.00

Source: National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP)

Government of India through Coffee Board is extending financial support for Organic certification of coffee estates at the rate of 50% towards the certification cost subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- per individual grower / grower groups. These incentives are limited to initial 3 year conversion period.

- (e) The Coffee Board granted ad-hoc bonus for the year 2015-16 to the employees who were in service as on 31.12.2016, subject to extension of ad-hoc bonus to the employees of autonomous bodies by the Government of India. No orders for extension of ad-hoc bonus to the employees of autonomous bodies has been issued by the Government of India from 2015-16 onwards.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

PLASTIC EXPORTS

52. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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

- (a) whether India targets plastic exports worth US\$ 10.6 billion in the financial year 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India's plastic export during the financial year 2018 was primarily boosted by higher shipment of plastic raw materials and value added plastic products including woven sacks, plastic sheets, films, plates, optical items, laminates, packaging items and medical disposables to various countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) & (b) The Government constantly strives to enhance the exports of all commodities, including plastics. India's plastics exports in FY 2017-18 were US \$ 8.85 billion. The exports of plastic & its products have grown by 28.8% during April to December, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

(% growth in plastics and its products exported by India)

Product sector	April17-Dec17	April 18-Dec18	Growth
	(US\$ Billion)	(US\$ Billion)	(%)
Plastic and its products	5.46	7.03	28.8

(c) & (d) Yes. Plastic products grouped under Plastic raw materials, plastic sheets, woven sacks, packaging items, optical items, laminates, medical disposables have witnessed a high growth in exports during financial year 2017-18. The details are as follows:

	2016-17	2017-18	Growth
	(US\$ Million)	(US \$ Million)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	2,546.66	3,272.97	28.5
Plastic sheets / films / plates etc	954.03	1,173.84	23.0
Woven sacks / FIBC	579.05	715.68	23.6
Packaging items	598.63	670.75	12.0
Optical items	381.75	468.17	22.6
Laminates	154.42	174.49	13.0
Medical disposables	153.17	170.16	11.1
Total	5,367.71	6646.06	23.8

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 56
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

CONTRIBUTION OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY IN EXPORTS

56. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether the food processing industry has contributed in enhancement of exports from the country;
- (b) if so, the details of annual growth rate of export during the last four years and the current year so far;
- (c) the names of countries to which the processed food is being exported; and
- (d) the details of incentives being given to the exporters of processed food?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a & b) Yes, Madam. Processed food products contribute significantly towards India's overall exports of agricultural products. The details of India's exports of processed food products during the last four years and the current year, along with the annual growth rates, are at Annexure-I.
- (c) The top five countries, to which India exports processed food products, are Vietnam, USA, UAE, Indonesia and Malaysia.
- (d) Promoting exports of processed food products from the country is a continuous process. The newly introduced Agriculture Export Policy provides an assurance that the export of processed agricultural products will not be brought under the ambit of any kind of export restrictions. The Department of Commerce also has several schemes to promote exports, including exports of processed food products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme etc. Incentive on export of various value added agricultural/ processed food items is provided to exporters under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). In addition, assistance to the exporters of value added agricultural/ processed food items is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Tea Board, Coffee Board and Spices Board. These organisations also seek to promote exports through participation in international fairs & exhibitions, taking initiatives to gain market access for different products in different markets, dissemination of market intelligence, taking steps to ensure quality of exported products etc.

Export of Processed Food Products

Product Name	Quantity in MT; Value in US\$ Million									
	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18		2018-19 (April-December)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Buffalo Meat	1475540.00	4781.18	1314161.00	4068.66	1330013.00	3924.63	1348225.00	4029.88	928024.00	2779.08
Spices	923258.39	2429.43	820649.87	2502.48	1007837.45	2890.41	1081335.87	3104.35	790017.48	2397.65
Sugar	1952703.00	870.29	3824010.00	1482.10	2545061.00	1292.09	1758036.00	811.39	2276151.00	819.30
Tea	215209.62	680.97	246850.42	719.96	244459.83	734.25	272890.64	837.32	202849.92	618.29
Coffee	220484.67	811.93	254052.71	780.31	288163.96	843.57	317832.41	968.60	193845.33	582.98
Cashew	134567.00	909.25	103130.00	768.07	92175.00	790.62	90062.00	922.42	61557.00	508.79
Misc Processed Items	NA	457.46	NA	442.75	NA	458.02	NA	574.17	NA	482.35
Processed Fruits & Juices	NA	591.86	NA	573.31	533369.85	582.39	571117.62	646.24	425210.36	466.01
Sesame Seeds	375619.06	772.19	328316.57	459.57	308747.50	403.91	336843.87	463.90	245144.09	405.34
Cereal Preparations	305931.00	495.64	313208.00	505.84	341434.00	532.23	352478.00	552.09	253245.00	404.00
Groundnut	708376.00	760.35	536815.00	614.81	725114.00	810.95	503155.00	524.53	357352.00	345.20
Dairy Products	NA	354.65	NA	257.58	91043.67	255.28	102312.91	303.00	125463.37	328.90
Alcoholic Beverages	NA	369.17	NA	309.75	232597.96	300.23	241231.46	326.85	183298.90	228.49
Processed Vegetables	NA	282.32	NA	258.71	193836.18	264.73	212175.40	282.85	170386.40	217.19
Cocoa Products	20883.80	138.90	32210.11	192.21	25634.85	162.66	29469.86	177.32	20306.16	144.81
Milled Products	415690.55	166.77	415015.65	164.89	251886.54	119.92	268170.08	135.61	229174.53	114.14
Sheep/Goat Meat	23614.00	135.71	21952.00	128.38	22715.00	130.59	23576.00	134.03	17346.00	97.94
Vegetable Oils	41543.00	94.46	29798.00	79.11	60925.00	117.16	37322.00	88.46	39723.00	81.22
Poultry Products	NA	106.38	NA	117.12	NA	79.08	NA	85.66	NA	72.72
Molasses	213460.00	28.09	614944.00	79.59	347662.00	42.01	123473.00	14.78	437906.00	43.76
Other Meat	248.00	0.41	NA	NA	79.00	0.14	1044.00	2.55	574.00	1.31
Processed Meat	405.00	2.29	282.00	0.96	141.00	0.69	269.00	1.54	262.00	1.20
Total		15239.70		14506.16		14735.56		14987.54		11140.67
Growth Rate (%)				-4.81		1.58		1.71		

Source: DGCI&S

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 62
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF MANGOES

62. SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

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

- (a) the quantum of mangoes produced and exported during each of the last three years and the current year, State and value-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the mangoes are ripe during transit due to insufficient cold storage facility in the country particularly in Maharashtra and if so, the steps taken by the Government to arrange refrigerated containers for carrying perishable fruits including mangoes;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up a Mango Board to provide technical expertise and facilitate export of mangoes and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has organized or proposes to organize mango exhibitions in foreign countries and if so, the details thereof, country and year-wise; and
- (e) the details of efforts being made by the Government to promote the production and export of mangoes along with the concessions and facilities provided/ being provided to the farmers and exporters under various schemes?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) The details of India's exports of mangoes during the last three years and the current year are as under:

ITCS	COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	Quantity (in MT); Value (in Million USD)							
		2015-16		2106-17		2017-18		2018-19 (UPTO Nov-18)*	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
08045020	MANGOES FRESH	36779.26	50.10	52761.00	66.46	49671.32	59.45	43063.70	53.80
08045030	MANGOES SLICED DRIED	3644.09	6.94	376.78	2.40	569.05	3.05	1035.56	3.39
08045040	MANGO PULP	128866.01	121.29	130886.07	126.14	110923.73	104.54	72187.96	64.12
TOTAL		169289.36	178.33	184023.85	195.00	161164.10	167.04	116287.22	121.31

Source: DGCI&S, *Figures of 2018-19 are provisional only

State wise data for exports is not published by DGCI&S. The details of state-wise production of mangoes, during the last three years and the current year, are at Annexure-I.

- (b) Mangoes are processed by the registered packhouse facilities having ripening chambers, pre-cooling facilities and cold storage facilities for shipment to UAE and other West Asian countries. Mangoes to these destinations are exported in refrigerated containers having requisite temperature of 12°C. As per industry's feedback, there is no shortage of availability of refrigerated containers for sea shipment. To the distant destinations like EU and USA, mangoes are exported by air, which reaches the market in two days. To facilitate exports of mangoes by refrigerated vans, Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the Infrastructure Development component of its export promotion scheme, provides financial assistance for purchase of insulated/reefer transport/mobile pre cooling units upto 40% of the cost subject to ceiling of Rs.100 lakhs. Assistance for Reefer transport vehicles is also available under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme implemented by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.
- (c) APEDA, an autonomous organisation under the administrative control of Department of Commerce, has been mandated with the export promotion of Mangoes. As such, no proposal for setting up a Mango Board is under consideration of the Government.
- (d) Yes, Madam. During 2018, APEDA has organized the following programmes in the importing countries:

Date	Venue & Country	Programme
1st – 2 nd June, 2018	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Buyer Seller Meet with In-Store promotions in 6 stores of retail chains
4 th June, 2018	Astana, Kazakhstan	In-store promotion in 5 stores of retail chains
27 th – 29 th June, 2018	Guangzhou, China	International Food Expo 2018
2 nd , 9 th & 16 th June, 2018	Busan, South Korea	2018 Mango Promotional Events

- (e) Promotion of exports of agricultural products like mangoes is a continuous process. India has filed Market Access Requests for mangoes with several countries viz. Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, Israel, Malawi, Peru, Russia, Serbia, Uruguay and Uzbekistan. Under the newly introduced Agriculture Export Policy, clusters have been identified in the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh for export-oriented production of mangoes. MEIS of 7% is available on the export of mangoes. APEDA also provides assistance to Mango exporters under various components of its export promotion scheme.

The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15 by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits (including Mango), vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All states and UTs are covered under MIDH. Under MIDH, credit linked assistance is provided for establishment of Cold Storage, Ripening Chambers and Reefer transport vehicles for perishable horticulture crops including Mango. The component is demand and entrepreneur driven and funds under MIDH are allocated to States on the basis of Annual Action Plans.

State-wise details of the Mango production during the last three years and the current year

Sl. No.	STATES	Production in '000 Metric tonnes			
		2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	2803.66	4043.47	4373.61	5001.74
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.03	NR	NR	NR
3	ASSAM	46.15	47.15	48.44	61.21
4	BIHAR	1464.93	1472.38	2443.47	2434.65
5	CHHATISGARH	420.61	434.32	461.73	474.42
6	GUJARAT	1241.59	1424.87	1207.78	1219.86
7	HARYANA	89.97	96.79	98.60	119.32
8	HIMACHAL PRADESH	37.63	48.24	31.35	44.19
9	JAMMU & KASHMIR	23.74	24.15	30.35	30.48
10	JHARKHAND	393.67	438.54	435.86	432.93
11	KARNATAKA	1725.67	1719.73	1760.60	1866.23
12	KERALA	382.52	388.14	439.20	424.75
13	MADHYA PRADESH	371.48	586.24	654.79	643.62
14	MAHARASHTRA	463.17	603.83	791.36	566.37
17	MIZORAM	4.18	4.18	4.19	4.19
18	NAGALAND	3.74	4.23	4.24	4.24
19	ODISHA	778.72	817.91	805.77	805.77
20	PUNJAB	113.50	113.69	116.52	118.76
21	RAJASTHAN	82.27	154.79	87.37	105.00
23	TAMIL NADU	975.11	1282.44	1234.00	1250.77
24	TELANGANA	1778.32	482.46	1080.14	1080.13
25	TRIPURA	59.06	57.03	54.93	52.70
26	UTTAR PRADESH	4512.71	4341.00	4551.83	4577.15
27	UTTARAKHAND	149.73	150.14	152.71	152.89
28	WEST BENGAL	693.39	736.90	918.35	844.88
29	OTHERS	27.00	33.58	35.14	36.63
	TOTAL	18642.53	19506.20	21822.32	22352.87

* First Estimates

NR = Not reported

Source: Horticulture Division, DAC&FW

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 70
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

TEXTILE EXPORTS

70. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that serial failures to negotiate free trade agreements and the industry's dependence on duty drawbacks at the expense of innovation are causing the textile industry to lose out to neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the remedial measures being considered to be taken to increase the exports in textile industry; and
- (d) the details of free trade agreements signed during the last five years?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) & (b) As per World Trade Organization's (WTO) systems, the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) enjoy Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) because of which they enjoy duty advantage. In view of this India faces duty disadvantage upto 9.6% vis-à-vis other neighbouring LDCs. The global demand of textiles has also declined significantly between 2014-17 contributing to reduction of textiles exports from India.

Duty Drawback scheme rebates the incidence of Customs and Central Excise duties suffered on inputs used in manufacture of export goods. Duty Drawback scheme is not related to lack of innovations in the textile industry or its losing out to neighbouring countries.

- (c) To increase exports of textile industry, Government announced a Special Package for garments and made-ups sectors. The package offers Rebate of State Levies (RoSL), labour law reforms, additional incentives under ATUFS and relaxation of Section 80JJAA of Income Tax Act. Further, the rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) have been enhanced from 2% to 4% for apparel, 5% to 7% for made-ups, handloom and handicrafts w.e.f. 1st November 2017. Products such as fibre, yarn and fabric in the textile value chain are being strengthened and made competitive through various schemes, inter alia, Powertex for fabric segment, Amended Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (ATUFS) for all segments except spinning, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) for all segments, etc. Assistance is also provided to exporters under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme. Further, Government has enhanced interest equalization rate for pre and post shipment credit for the textile sector from 3% to 5% w.e.f. 02.11.2018. The benefit which was limited to only manufacturers earlier has been extended to merchant exporters from 2019.
- (d) During the last five years, no new Free Trade Agreements has been signed by India. However, the India- ASEAN Trade in Goods (TIG) Agreement has been expanded in November, 2014 to include Services and Investment Chapter under the Agreement. Further India Chile PTA which was signed in March, 2006 has been expanded on 6th September, 2016 and came into force with effect from 16th May, 2017.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 73
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

ISSUES FACED BY SEZ DEVELOPERS

73. DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:

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

- (a) whether the Special Economic Zone Developers are facing certain issues/ problems including some complaints about the misuse of the policy which create hindrance for development of SEZs and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the industry has time and again requested the Finance Ministry to consider restoring tax benefits to these zones for supporting growth of the sector and generating jobs and if so, the response of the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the SEZs which emerged as major export hubs in the country, started losing sheen after the imposition of minimum alternate tax and introduction of sunset clause and if so, the response of the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has approved 423 SEZs till December, 2017 and if so, the number of SEZs out of that made operational so far along with the quantum of exports from these zones grew during April-September 2017-18; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issues being faced by the SEZs promoters?

ANSWER

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(a) and (e): The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZs. In this regard, the Government had constituted a Group of eminent persons under the Chairmanship of Shri Baba Kalyani, Chairman M/s. Bharat Forge to study the SEZ Policy of India. The Group has given its report on 19.11.2018.

(b): Yes Madam, Ministry of Commerce and Industry had also recommended the restoration of original exemption from MAT and withdrawal of Sunset Clause for SEZ Developers and Units to Ministry of Finance but has not been agreed to.

(c): The SEZs Act, 2005 was enacted on 23rd June, 2005. In the initial 5 years (i.e. 2007-2008 to 2011-2012) there was 186% increase in the new units in SEZs. However, post imposition of MAT there has been 140% increase in the new units in the next 6 years and current year [i.e. 2012-2013 to 2018-2019(up to 30.09.2018)] in SEZs.

(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 421 proposals for setting up of SEZs in the country. Presently, out of 355 notified SEZs a total of 231 SEZs are operational.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 75
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

SETTING UP OF SPICE PARKS

75. SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up spice parks in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise where there are demands?

ANSWER

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- (a)&(b): The Government does not have any pending proposal to set up spice parks in the country

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 86
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

EXPORT PROMOTION CAPITAL GOODS SCHEME

86. SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI S. RAJENDRAN:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA

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

- (a) whether the Government has implemented the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme for boosting the export of capital goods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the requirements which are required to be fulfilled by the exporters for running the said scheme;
- (c) the details of the benefits available for the exporters under this scheme;
- (d) whether there have been instances where the exporters have availed the benefits of the said scheme without fulfilling the mandatory requirements under the scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details of such defaulters during each of the last three years and the action taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. In order to facilitate import of capital goods for producing quality goods and services and enhance India's manufacturing competitiveness, the Central Government has been implementing a Scheme called the Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme under the Foreign Trade Policy for manufacturer exporters with or without supporting manufacturer(s), merchant exporters tied to supporting manufacturer(s) and service providers.

Under the Scheme, EPCG Authorisations are issued with actual user condition and import validity of 24 months to import capital goods (except those

specified in negative list) for pre-production, production and post-production at zero customs duty, and subject to fulfilment of specific Export Obligation equivalent to 6 times of duties, taxes and cess saved on capital goods, to be fulfilled in 6 years from date of issue of Authorisation. In addition, the Authorisation holder is required to fulfil Average Export Obligation achieved by him in the preceding three licensing years for the same and similar products. However, if minimum 75% of specific Export Obligation and 100% of Average Export Obligation is fulfilled within half the original export obligation period, remaining export obligation can be condoned. Further, in case of indigenous sourcing of capital goods and for exports of Green Technology products, specific EO is only 75%. For Units located in North East Region and Jammu & Kashmir, specific EO is only 25%. Presently, capital goods imported for physical exports are also exempt from IGST and Compensation Cess up to 31.03.2019.

- (d) & (e)** Yes, Madam. The number of defaulters reported in the last three years is 1347 nos. in 2015-16; 1122 nos. in 2016-17 and 1031 nos. in 2017-18. The Regional Authorities have taken penal action under the Foreign Trade (Development & regulation Act), 1992 by issuing show cause notices and passing adjudication orders for recovery of customs duty along with interest.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 87
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

EXPORT OF ENGINEERING GOODS

87. SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:
DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:

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

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the export of engineering goods from the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of target fixed and achieved for the export of engineering goods during the said period, country-wise and product-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide fiscal incentives including extension of interest subvention scheme and other stimulus to the engineering sector to stem the fall in export of engineering goods; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the specific steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the export of engineering goods from the country?

ANSWER

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- (a) & (b)** : The value of engineering exports from India in the last three years and the current year is given below:

(In US\$ billion)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18 (Apr-Dec)	2018-19 (Apr-Dec)
Engineering Exports	58.60	65.24	76.21	55.81	59.12
Growth (%) over the corresponding period of previous year	(-) 17.07%	11.26%	16.87%		5.95%

As shown above, engineering exports witnessed a decline of 17.1 % in 2015-16 vis-à-vis the previous year due to slump in demand following economic slowdown and recession in many regions of the world, especially the developed ones. However, the engineering exports have been on the rise since then.

(c) The targets for engineering exports fixed by the EEPC India, the export promotion council for engineering products and actual exports during 2015-16 to 2018-19 in respect of engineering sector, are given below. No country-wise/product-wise targets are fixed by the Council.

Engineering Exports(US\$ billion)

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Target	75	65	70	80
Actual Exports	58.60	65.24	76.21	59.12 (April-Dec)

(d) & (e): The Government has taken several initiatives for enhancing competitiveness of Indian exports, especially the engineering sector which, inter-alia, include :

- (i) Under the Interest Equalization Scheme, equalization @ 3% was allowed to manufacturer exporters for products covered under 416 tariff lines, including many engineering products, and for all tariff lines to MSME manufacturers. With effect from 02.11.2018, the rate of interest equalization has been enhanced to 5% for MSME manufacturers for all tariff lines, including all engineering products;
- (ii) Merchant exporters have recently been included under the Interest Equalization Scheme;
- (iii) A variety of export promotion activities are being undertaken through EEPC India, including the annual International Engineering Sourcing Show in India and the Indian Engineering Exhibitions across the world, for promoting engineering exports;
- (iv) The brand 'Indian Engineering' is being promoted to enhance the global image of Indian engineering products;
- (v) A technology upgradation initiative is being implemented for development of cutting-edge export-oriented technologies, etc.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 95
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

TRADE DEFICIT

95. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:
SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:

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

- (a) whether the trade deficit has widened due to decline in net export of the country during each of the last four years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, Sector-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (b) the quantum and value of net export and its target set by the Government during the said period along with the country's share in world's trade and the details of imports during the period;
- (c) whether such decline in net export has adversely impacted the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country during the said period;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to review the existing export promotion schemes/programmes being implemented in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve net export and GDP of the country and bring down the trade deficit in the future?

ANSWER

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(a) to (d) The values of India's export, import, net export (the value of total exports minus the value of total imports) and GDP at current prices during the last four years and current year are as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Exports of Goods and Services (at Current Prices)	Imports of Goods and Services (at Current Prices)	Net Exports of Goods and Services (at Current Prices)	GDP (at Current Prices)

2014-15	2863636	3235962	(-)372326	12467959
2015-16	2728641	3044915	(-)316274	13764037
2016-17	2946243	3208505	(-)262262	15253714
2017-18 (RE)	3194507	3694286	(-) 499779	16773145
2018-19 (1 st AE)	3727937	4387991	(-)660054	18840731

RE: Revised Estimates, AE: Advance Estimates, Source: CSO, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

Due to different units of measurement, the total quantity of exports and imports is not additive. The data in the above table reveals that the net export decreased in the year 2015-16 and 2016-17 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous years. However, it has increased in the year 2017-18 and 2018-19 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous years. Trade deficit depends upon relative fluctuations in the import and export of different commodities due to the global and domestic factors such as demand and supply in domestic and international markets, currency fluctuations, cost of credit, logistics costs, etc. The decline in net export has very insignificant impact on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the country.

The top 30 principal commodity-wise values of trade deficit for the last four years and the current year is given at **Annexure-I**.

India's share in world trade during 2014 to 2017 is given as follows:

Years	India's Share in World Merchandise Plus Services Exports (%)	India's Share in World Merchandise Plus Services Imports (%)
2014	1.99	2.45
2015	1.98	2.32
2016	2.03	2.27
2017	2.10	2.60

Source: World Trade Organisation

As per Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, the Government aims to increase India's exports of merchandise and services from US\$ 465.9 billions to approximately US\$ 900 billions by 2019-20 and to raise India's share in world exports (Goods and Services) from 2% to 3.5%.

(e) & (f): The Government carried out mid-term review of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, which was released on December 5, 2017. In order to boost India's exports and bring down the trade deficit, the Government has taken several measures through Foreign Trade Policy

2015-20 launched on 1st April 2015, its Mid-term Review released on December 5, 2017 and other policy measures taken from time to time. The key measures include:

- i. FTP 2015-20 provides a framework for increasing exports of goods and services as well as generation of employment and increasing value addition in the country, in line with the 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Skills India', 'Startup India' and 'Ease of doing business' initiatives.
- ii. The main policy objective is to enable India to respond to the challenges of the external environment keeping in view the rapidly evolving international trading architecture and make trade a major contributor to the country's economic growth and development.
- iii. The policy provides the framework for promotion of exports through schemes of incentives on exports and duty remission/exemption on inputs for export production.
- iv. The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015 with the objective to offset infrastructural inefficiencies and associated costs involved in exporting goods/products which are produced/ manufactured in India. Duty credit scrips issued under MEIS and the goods imported against these scrips are fully transferable. On the demand of the industry, at the time of mid-term review of the FTP in Dec 2017, export rewards under MIES were increased by 2% across the board for labour intensive, MSME sectors, ready-made garments and made ups. Later, rewards to some agricultural products such as Bengal Gram, Milk and Milk Products, Soya de-oiled cake and Non Basmati rice have been provided/enhanced under MEIS for a limited period in the year 2018-19 to boost the exports of these agriculture sector items. As on date, The MEIS scheme covers 8057 tariff lines at 8 digits level, and provide rewards.
- v. The 'Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS)' was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015 for increasing exports of notified services. At the time of mid-term review of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, the rates for all the notified services have been increased by 2% for exports with effect from 01.11.2017, leading to additional estimated annual rewards of Rs 1,140 crore to promote exports of notified services.
- vi. An Action Plan on Champion Sectors in Services has been approved on 28th February 2018, whereby, nodal Ministries/Departments of the identified 12

champion services sectors have been directed to undertake sectoral initiatives aimed at, *inter alia*, enhancing services exports.

- vii. Government has been organising various events including the Global Exhibition in Services, Advantage Health Care India, and Higher Education Summit etc. to showcase India's strength in services sector. Government has also been participating in international fairs/ exhibitions relating to services sector.
- viii. In the various bilateral/ pluri-lateral/ multilateral trade negotiations, Government has been seeking commercially meaningful market access for India's services exports.
- ix. The policy includes measures to nudge procurement of capital goods from indigenous manufacturers under the EPCG scheme by reducing specific export obligation from 90 percent to 75 percent of the normal export obligation.
- x. The policy provides issue of Advance Authorisation to allow duty free import of inputs, which is physically incorporated in export product within a specified timeline.
- xi. Interest Equalization Scheme on pre and post shipment rupee export credit has been introduced from 1.4.2015 to help exporters in accessing credit at reduced rates.
- xii. 'Niryat Bandhu Scheme' has been galvanised and repositioned to achieve the objectives of 'Skill India' and trade promotion/awareness.
- xiii. Trade facilitation and enhancing the ease of doing business measures have been taken with special focus on moving towards paperless working. The Government has launched a Single Window Interface for Facilitating Trade (SWIFT) clearances project with effect from 1st April, 2016. The scheme enables the importers/exporters to file a common electronic 'Integrated Declaration' on the Indian Customs Electronic Commerce/Electronic Data Interchange (EC/EDI) Gateway i.e. ICEGATE portal. India also ratified the WTO Agreement on Trade Facilitation (TFA) in April 2016 for enhancing trade facilitation.
- xiv. A new scheme called "Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)" has been launched from 1st April 2017 to address the export infrastructure gaps in the country.
- xv. The Mid-term Review of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 launched on 5th December 2017 provides more incentives for export promotion.

xvi. In order to double farmers' income by 2022 and provide an impetus to agricultural exports, the Government has launched a comprehensive "Agriculture Export Policy" on 6th December, 2018 which would also integrate Indian farmers and agricultural products with the global value chains. Objectives of the Agriculture Export Policy are as under:

- To double agricultural exports from present ~US\$ 30+ Billion to ~US\$ 60+ Billion by 2022 and reach US\$ 100 Billion in the next few years thereafter, with a stable trade policy regime.
- To diversify our export basket, destinations and boost high value and value added agricultural exports including focus on perishables.
- To promote novel, indigenous, organic, ethnic, traditional and non-traditional Agri products exports.
- To provide an institutional mechanism for pursuing market access, tackling barriers and deal with sanitary and phyto-sanitary issues.
- To strive to double India's share in world agri exports by integrating with global value chain at the earliest.
- Enable farmers to get benefit of export opportunities in overseas market.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question no. 95 for answer on 4th February 2019.

Trade deficit during 2014-15 to 2018-19 (Apr-Nov) for 30 Principal commodities having highest trade deficit in the current year

Sr. No:	Principal Commodity	Value in Million USD					
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2017-18 (Apr-Nov)	2018-19 (Apr-Nov)*
1	PETROLEUM: CRUDE	116442.86	-65922.98	-70705.39	-87372.27	-52575.49	-80061.55
2	GOLD	-31562.03	-26197.20	-21396.60	-31263.47	-21115.62	-21749.59
3	COAL,COKE AND BRIQUETTES ETC	-17666.05	-13507.14	-15595.36	-22733.41	-14204.12	-17482.93
4	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	-13624.08	-14521.90	-15527.97	-20645.52	-13853.38	-11921.43
5	GOLD AND OTH PRECS METL JWLERY	-3502.82	-5272.77	-6618.27	-8043.47	-5023.23	-8719.77
6	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	-10526.92	-10412.15	-10776.46	-11549.65	-8120.87	-6687.14
7	MOTOR VEHICLE/CARS	-6899.66	-7143.71	-6631.98	-7879.31	-5232.18	-5947.73
8	RMG COTTON INCL ACCESSORIES	-6714.53	-6330.20	-6301.06	-7453.90	-5128.68	-4668.66
9	MARINE PRODUCTS	-6289.39	-6965.95	-4205.43	-4553.71	-3438.07	-4306.79
10	COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	-4414.93	-5023.52	-4734.99	-5137.48	-3393.81	-4265.38
11	COTTON YARN	-3507.40	-3919.88	-4054.67	-4884.19	-3245.79	-3728.18
12	RICE -BASMOTI	-5947.33	-4764.80	-5034.67	-5286.11	-3581.53	-3644.14
13	BUFFALO MEAT	-3314.03	-3450.03	-3408.33	-4016.60	-2765.90	-3154.65
14	RMG MANMADE FIBRES	-3810.67	-3818.91	-3219.66	-3786.96	-2587.85	-3152.66
15	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	122.35	-819.15	-776.46	-1093.75	-792.46	-2891.13
16	RMG OF OTHR TEXTLE MATRL	1451.80	-1024.72	-4990.71	-5412.42	-3952.58	-2786.56
17	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	-4517.83	-3735.38	-1827.88	-3203.59	-2265.51	-2759.69
18	SPICES	-6178.16	-4705.59	-3867.75	-5805.20	-3705.38	-2478.93
19	TWO AND THREE WHEELERS	-2306.51	-2294.56	-2369.04	-2732.42	-1762.96	-2092.62
20	DYES	-1790.58	-1518.11	-1804.84	-2067.50	-1226.97	-1982.16
21	PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL	-3657.63	-5759.33	444.13	812.52	259.07	-1965.60
22	FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER	-1675.98	-1583.02	-1403.43	-2034.63	-1344.39	-1779.54
23	GRANIT, NATRL STONE AND PRODC	-3594.84	-2732.06	-2045.70	-2055.65	-1341.22	-1503.68
24	AGRO CHEMICALS	-7024.93	-8166.36	-7924.77	-2365.77	-1505.56	-1441.53
25	AUTO TYRES AND TUBES	-2087.60	-2115.25	-1573.53	-1579.86	-1249.08	-1145.02
26	CARPET(EXCL. SILK) HANDMADE	-1384.57	-1223.07	-1384.05	-1827.83	-1261.58	-1074.39
27	LEATHER GOODS	-1895.00	-2984.73	-1915.02	-2090.88	-1242.82	-1019.87
28	OIL MEALS	-177.90	-570.78	-559.65	-496.23	-427.70	-1011.77
29	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	-1048.94	-1059.35	-939.65	-1181.14	-901.58	-994.68
30	HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMA DE CRPTS)	-383.51	-633.15	-632.25	-969.73	-608.33	-977.60

*Provisional, Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 106
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

TRADE DEFICIT BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA

106. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any stringent measures to bridge the gap in trade deficit between India and China;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the total value of imports from China during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has chalked out any plan to provide adequate policy support and facilitation to indigenous industries to combat the dumping of Chinese products in Indian Domestic market;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the Government's stand on this serious issue; and
- (e) the list of Chinese products, raw and finished goods dumped and dominated in the domestic markets in India?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a)& (b) : Yes Madam. Government of India has been taking continuous and sustained steps to bridge trade deficit by lowering the trade barriers for Indian exports to China. During the 11th session of India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations(JEG) held in New Delhi on 26 March 2018, the Trade Ministers of two countries agreed to increasing bilateral trade between the two countries in a balanced and more sustainable manner. In this regard various meetings have been held with Chinese counterparts as a part of ongoing efforts to seek market access for various Indian agricultural products, animal feeds, oil seeds, milk and milk products, pharmaceutical products etc., in light of the potential of these products/services in the Chinese market. Also protocols have been signed to facilitate export of Indian rice, rapeseed meal, fishmeal – fish oil and tobacco leaves from India to China.

The details of the imports from China during 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 (April-December)are given below: -

Year	Import (Value in USDMillion)
2015-16	61707.95
2016-17	61283.03
2017-18	76380.70
2018-19 (upto December, 2018)*	53878.06

**Provisional (Source; DGCI&S)*

(c) to (e): India has an elaborate and robust legal framework and institutional set up to protect its environment, life and health of its people, plants and animals. All goods imported into India are subject to domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environment and safety norms that are notified from time to time. The Government takes appropriate action in case goods imported from any source are found to violate these regulations and threaten human, animal or plant life or health.

In addition, trade defence measures like anti-dumping duty and countervailing duty, safeguard measures are enforced under the prescribed WTO provisions. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) initiates anti-dumping investigations on the basis of a duly substantiated application filed by the domestic producer with a prima facie evidence of dumping of goods into the country causing injury to the domestic industry. Such applications submitted by domestic industry are processed as per the procedure and within the time limits specified under the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 and the rules made there under. DGTR conducts investigations and recommends imposition of duty, wherever appropriate, to the Department of Revenue by issuing its preliminary/final findings. Acting upon such recommendations of the DGTR, the Department of Revenue may impose the provisional or definitive duties.

As on 28.01.2019, anti-dumping duty is in force on 99 products imported from China. The sector-wise details of these 99 products are given below:

S.No.	Product Category	No. of cases in which duty is in force
1.	Chemical and Petrochemicals	40
2.	Electrical and electronic items and accessories	05
3.	Fibres and Yarn	08
4.	Fibre Boards	01
5.	Glass and Glassware	10
6.	Machinery Items	5
7.	Pharmaceutical	2
8.	Rubber or Plastic products	1
9.	Steel and other metals	11
10.	Other Products	16
	Total	99

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 111
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

TRANSPARENCY IN PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

111. SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to bring in transparency in public procurement in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any measures to achieve transparency in public procurement and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken all the State Governments into confidence to make the said initiative a successful one; and
- (d) if so, the details of the State Governments which have come forward to join hands under the said scheme?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a)&(b): In order to bring more transparency and efficiency, technology driven national public procurement system, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), has been set up as a 100 per cent Government owned section 8 entity under Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India which is an end-to-end online Marketplace for Central and State Government Ministries / Departments, Central & State Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs & SPSUs), Autonomous institutions and Local bodies, for procurement of common use goods & services.

(c)&(d): As on date 28 States and Union Territories have entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GeM SPV to adopt and use GeM for procurement of Goods and Services listed therein.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 118
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR EXPORTERS

118. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to make available adequate funds for exporters to address the declining credit to exporters in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is organising an event to explore logistic partnership with the world-wide giant group participating therein as the logistics sector is playing vital role in enhancing the competitiveness of Indian goods in global market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The Interest Equalization Scheme on Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit has been introduced from 1.4.2015 for a period of 5 years to help exporters in accessing credit at reduced rates. Under the scheme, interest equalization @3% per annum has been made available to all exports under identified 416 tariff lines [at ITC(HS) code of 4 digit], and to exports made by Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across all ITC(HS) codes. To further support credit-off take by MSME exporters, the interest equalization under Interest Equalization Scheme has been raised from 3% to 5% w.e.f. 02.11.2018 for exports made by MSMEs across all ITC(HS) codes.

On 2nd January 2019, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has further approved proposal for including merchant exporters under the Interest Equalization Scheme (IES) for Pre and Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit by allowing them interest equalization rate of 3% on such credit for export of products covered under 416 tariff lines identified under the scheme.

(c) No Madam.

(d) In view of the reply to (c) above, does not arise.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 128(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

WOMANIYA ON GeM

128(H). SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched Womaniya on Government e-Market place (GeM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the benefits of this scheme;
- (c) the details of method by which the Government proposes to connect women with this scheme;
- (d) whether the Government e-Market place is a Government company and if so, the details thereof along with the details of the persons involved in its management; and
- (e) the details of parts of the country where this scheme has been implemented?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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- (a):** Yes Madam. Womaniya on GeM was launched on 15th January, 2019.
- (b):** “Womaniya on GeM” is an initiative to enable women entrepreneurs and Women Self – Help Groups [WSHG] to sell handicrafts and handloom accessories, jute and coir products, home decor and office furnishings, directly to various Government Ministries, Departments and Institutions to enable access of WSHGs to markets.
- (c):** GeM works with partner Ministries, State Governments, Self Help Groups and various stakeholders from corporate and NGO community to connect women with Womaniya
- (d):** Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is a 100 percent Government owned Section 8 company set-up under the aegis of Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India for procurement of common use goods and services by various government Ministries, Departments and CPSEs. Board of Directors of GeM is headed by the Commerce Secretary.
- (e):** GeM is available to all government and its agencies across India for purposes of procurement of general goods and services.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 138
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

WORKSHOPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POLICY

138. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has planned to conduct workshops to implement export policy for agricultural goods;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also targeted to double the farm shipments by the year 2022; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to increase exports of agricultural goods?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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- (a & b) Yes, Madam. Meetings / Workshops have been conducted to evolve a roadmap for implementation of the Agriculture Export Policy. A national level meeting was held in New Delhi, on 8th January 2019, under the chairmanship of Minister of Commerce & Industry. Representatives of Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture, of various State/U.T. Governments, representatives of Central Government Ministries/ Departments, representatives from trade, farmers' groups, trade promotion bodies and experts in the field of Agriculture attended the meeting. Meetings are also being organised at State and Cluster levels to implement the Agriculture Export Policy.
- (c) Yes, Madam. Increasing agricultural exports from the present levels, to around USD 60 billion by 2022 is one of the objectives of the Agriculture Export Policy.
- (d) Promoting exports of agricultural products from the country is a continuous process. Various measures to increase agricultural exports, both strategic and operational, have been included in the newly introduced Agriculture Export Policy. The Department of Commerce also has several schemes to promote exports, including exports of agricultural products, viz. Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) etc. In addition, assistance to the exporters of agricultural products is also available under the Export Promotion Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA), Tobacco Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board, Rubber Board and Spices Board. These organisations also seek to promote exports through participation in international fairs & exhibitions, taking initiatives to gain market access for different products in different markets, dissemination of market intelligence, taking steps to ensure quality of exported products etc.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 142
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

GRANT-IN-AID TO NEIA TRUST

142. ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Government has approved the contribution of grant-in-aid of Rs.1040 crore to the National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) trust;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the corpus is to be utilized during the three years from 2017-18 to 2019-20 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the corpus would strengthen NEIA to support project exports from the country that are of strategic and national importance and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) Yes. Government of India has approved Grant-in-Aid of Rs. 1040 Crores to NEIA Trust to be released in 3 years by FY 2019-20.

(b) The details are as under:

FY 2017-18	Rs. 440 Crores; Released.
FY 2018-19	Rs. 300 Crores; Released.
FY 2019-20	The proposal to release the rest amount of Rs. 300 Crores has been submitted and same shall be decided by the Ministry of Finance as per the availability of the fund.

(c) Yes. During FY 2017-18 & 2018-19, NEIA Trust supported project of value Rs. 11,800 Crores. Since inception, NEIA has supported 130 projects valued at Rs. 45,182 Crores in 41 countries.

(d) Yes. With enhanced corpus, NEIA could support the contracts that would be entered out of the current active 70 projects in pipeline, aggregating USD 8.47 Billion under Buyer's Credit-NEIA Scheme.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 148
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

INDIA-US CASE AT WTO

148. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether India has dragged the US to the World Trade Organization's dispute settlement mechanism over the imposition of import duties on steel and aluminium products;
- (b) if so, whether India has filed a dispute under the aegis of the WTO on this issue and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has stated that the decision will impact exports of these products to the US and it is not in compliance with global trade norms; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. The United States' unilateral measure of imposition of additional customs duty of 25% on steel products and 10% on aluminium products are violative of the WTO provisions. As these measures affect India's trade, India has challenged the US before the WTO Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) seeking to bring these measures consistent with WTO provisions. Since the bilateral consultations under the Dispute Settlement Mechanism held on 20th July 2018 did not result in resolution of the dispute, a Dispute Settlement Panel was established on 4 December 2018 to adjudicate the dispute.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 164
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

GEMS AND JEWELLERY DOMESTIC COUNCIL

164. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

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

- (a) whether the Government had constituted a Committee to draft guidelines for forming domestic council for Gems and Jewellery industry;
- (b) if so, the details of the mandate given to the said Committee;
- (c) the details of the manner in which the Government is planning to boost domestic as well as international markets of India's precious stones; and
- (d) the details of benefits/ encouragement being considered by the Government to extend the same to the domestic and jewellery sector?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) & (b) An Ad-hoc National Committee of Domestic Council for Gems and Jewellery consisting 14 Members representing various associations of Gems and Jewellery Sector has been constituted to draft Memorandum and Article of Association and other Rules/Bye-laws of the Domestic Council.

(c) & (d) The government is supporting the process of setting up of Domestic Council for Gems and Jewellery, to encourage and boost domestic gems and jewellery sector. It is envisaged that the domestic industry would be benefited from such a representative body which would be the forum for highlighting the issues and concerns of the industry that require redressal through policy measures. Further, with a view to strengthen the Gems & Jewellery industry in the country, the Government has taken a number of steps such as establishment of Special Notified Zone (SNZ); setting up of Common Facility Centres for gem and jewellery sector; announcement of separate ITC HS Code for lab-grown diamonds; and providing financial assistance for participation in international fairs, organizing buyer-seller meets, creation of export related infrastructure, etc. under various schemes of the Department of Commerce to boost the industry.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 169(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

BOOSTING COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SECTOR IN RAJASTHAN

169(H). SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is taking any measures to boost commerce and industry sector in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that additional expenditure and time is spent on import and export in absence of a port in Rajasthan which is a desert State;
- (d) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government of Rajasthan has sent any proposal to the Union Government in this regard and if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard so far?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a) to (e) : With an objective to ensure a continuous dialogue with all State Governments on measures for providing an International trade enabling environment in the State and to create a framework for making the States active partners in boosting India's trade, a Council for Trade Development and Promotion (CTDP) has been constituted (notified in July 2015) under the chairmanship of the Union Commerce and Industry Minister, in which the Trade & Commerce Ministers of all the states, including Rajasthan are members. Regular annual meetings of the Council have been conducted to facilitate the States to articulate their views.

Further, key initiatives like 'Make in India', 'Start-up India' and 'Ease of Doing Business' have also been taken by the Government to facilitate industrial production and growth in the States, including Rajasthan.

The Government has facilitated setting up of dry ports which help the exporters from land locked States and have so far accorded clearance to 7 proposals for setting up of Inland Container Depots in Rajasthan. No specific proposal from Government of Rajasthan is presently pending with the Department.
