

NOIDA, MADRAS, COCHIN & FALTA EPZs:—

Computer hardware, software, leather shoes, ready-made garments, knitted garments, rubber products, precision components, gloves, engineering products, hydraulic pumps, perfumery compounds, Ayurveda products and gems & jewellery.

Purchases by DGS & D

427. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far in re-vamping the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS & D);

(b) whether purchases made by the DGS & D from the northern region are increasing at the cost of eastern and southern regions;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken to reverse this trend?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDASPATEL):

(a) A review of policy for centralised purchase of store and equipments for the

Government Departments/Ministries through DGS & D has been done and it has been decided to transfer ad hoc procurement of items for a Ministry's/Departments' own use from DGS & D to various indenting Ministries/Departments alongwith officers and staff doing such work in DGS & D. DGS & D would continue to deal with procurement of common user items which are indented for more than one Ministry/Department so that the advantage of bulk purchasing by the Government is not lost.

Necessary steps were initiated to implement the decision of the Government. However, the above decision is being again reviewed and various actions which were being taken on the decision are being kept in abeyance.

(b) to (d). No Sir.

The statement given below indicates the total purchases made from these regions during the last three years. It shows that the purchases from Northern region are more or less constant, those from Eastern region are going up and those from Southern region are showing a decline. However, with a view to make the purchases more broad based and to bring more suppliers from other regions in the fold of DGS & D purchases, it has recently been decided to decentralise registration of firms to all the regional headquarters which is currently being done from new Delhi only.

Total purchases made by DGS & D from 1987-88 to 1989-90

<i>Year</i>	<i>Northern Zone value (Rs. in crores)</i>	<i>Eastern Zone value (Rs. in crores)</i>	<i>Southern Zone value (Rs. in crores)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
1987-88	903.94	538.33	412.04
1988-89	1049.68	643.97	383.36
1989-90	1031.90	685.63	319.53