

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF BUILDING TECHNOLOGY  
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

**Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a): whether the Government propose to import building technology keeping in view the existing building technology being outdated in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA )

(a)to(c): The Building Materials & Technology Promotion Council functioning as a National level apex Institution has been engaged in developing and promoting new building materials and construction technologies for use in the housing and building sector. The Council has been Instrumental in developing large number of innovative and alternate building materials and low-cost construction technologies through research efforts. However, in order to improve speed, quality and efficiency in housing activity, Government is encouraging introduction of suitable cost effective building technologies from other countries. Some foreign and Indian companies are bringing these technologies through joint ventures or through supply of critical equipment. In order to encourage import of critical machinery and equipment to manufacture cost-effective and waste based building materials and wood substitutes, several fiscal incentives are being given by the Government.