

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF SOFT WOOD
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Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to import soft wood from Myanmar to revive the plywood industry in the North East ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the manner by which it will be. beneficial for plywood industry ?

Answer

MINISTER, MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI P.R.KYNDIAH)

(a),(b)&(c): As per the information received from the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, they do not have any proposal for the import of soft wood. The wood, including soft wood, are classified under Chapter 44 of Import Trade Classification (Harmonized Systems) and are freely importable under Open General Licence. Further, under the liberalized economic regime, investment decisions, including those relating to imports, are taken by entrepreneurs based on their commercial perceptions.