

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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EMERGING BIO TECH POWERS

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a strong competition with the fast emerging bio-tech powers in China, Phillipines, Singapore etc;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to introduce a new policy in order to simplify the regulatory mechanism enabling the bio-tech sector of the country to successfully compete with the emerging world bio-tech powers; and
- (c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Government of India has made efforts to streamline the existing regulatory procedures to enable the bio-tech sector of the country to successfully compete with the emerging biotech industry sector worldwide. The two task forces set up for Agribiotech and recombinant pharma biotech products have prepared their reports for streamlining the regulatory procedures in the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Environment & Forests respectively. The suggested harmonized procedures in the regulatory mechanisms for biotech products are to have pro-active role in promoting biotech industry in the country.