

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

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BOOST TO MANUFACTURING SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to boost the manufacturing sector during the last one year; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): Development of the Manufacturing Sector is an ongoing process. Several measures/initiatives have been taken to boost the Manufacturing sector. These include, inter-alia, steps to reduce cost of credit and improve liquidity such as reduction of Repo rates, reverse Repo rates, cash reserve ratio etc., reduction in CENVAT, and sector specific initiatives to stimulate domestic demand and generate higher employment. The Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Collaboration Policies have been rationalized to strengthen the manufacturing sector. Further a set of measures have been announced for enhancing flow of funds to the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises sector.