

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4254  
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TASK FORCE FOR EXPORT PROMOTION  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up a high level task force for promoting greater coordination among the various agencies and resolve various tax problems related to the exporters;
- (b) if so, the composition and terms of reference of the task force;
- (c) whether the Federation of Indian Exports Organisation has also proposed to declare the gateway ports as sleepless ports, similar to the Shanghai Port in China, for expediting clearance of cargo round the clock;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the exporters have also suggested to create a separate fund for greater market access and a single nodal agency for export; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) No Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Federation of Indian Export Organization (FIEO) has suggested for the need for port reforms including provisions for expediting export consignments with the help of the introduction of large scale container scanning equipment and round the clock supervision and control at check points. The committee on reduction of transaction cost had made its recommendations on various issues confronting the exporters, including the issues related to ports. Rationalization of port charges was one of their recommendations.

(e & f) As per the information provided by FIEO, a representation to department related Parliament Standing Committee on Commerce was submitted suggesting to create an Export Development Fund for greater market access and a single nodal agency for export. Ministry of Commerce and Industry provides financial assistance for market access in various measures under Market Access Initiative (MAI) Scheme.