

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4011
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF SUPPLIES AND DISPOSALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Director General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) is the executive wing of the Department of Commerce for conclusion of rate contracts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the DGS&D have rejected certain consignment manufactured by the small and medium scale enterprises (MSME) including the paper and paper recycling industry;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to coordinate with the MSME units and ensure regular supply and procurement from those industries including the paper recycling industry?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) is an attached office of the Department of Commerce for carrying out the function of purchase and inspection of stores for Central Government/Ministries/ Departments including their attached and subordinate offices and Union Territories, other than the items of purchase and inspection of stores, which are delegated to other authorities by general or special order as allocated to the Department of Commerce as per the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961.

As on 07.12.2011 there are 224 Rate Contracts for different items in DGS&D.

(c) & (d) DGS&D has reported that the stores are rejected if these are not meeting technical specifications of contract. The details of rejection by DGS&D for the consignments manufactured by MSME in the recent past under DGS&D rate contract are given below:

Value (Rs.in lakh)

Month	No. of firms	BIS	Non-BIS
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August 2011	23	162.67	156.44
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September 2011	26	68.42	148.29
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October 2011	25	236.24	83.25
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November 2011	22	17.47	209.91
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(e) Before 2009, DGS&D was not procuring any paper made out of recycled or waste paper. However, in order to help and promote recycled and waste paper industry, DGS&D has changed its policy and has finalized guidelines for procuring paper products made from recycled/waste paper for some varieties of printing paper viz. (i) Offset Printing Paper Prime, (ii) Maplitho Paper Prime and (iii) Paper Printing White and Creamwove Prime manufactured from waste paper/recycled paper. To coordinate with MSME, DGS&D holds consultative committee meetings inviting all stakeholders before floating any tender for conclusion of rate contract.