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GROWTH IN MANUFACTURING SECTORS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had constituted a High Level Committee under the Prime Minister in 2006 for achieving 12 percent sustained growth in manufacturing sector;
- (b) if so, whether the committee's recommendations have been grossly ineffective as the country's manufacturing sector growth fell sharply to only 0.4 percent during the third quarter of 2011-12; and
- (c) if so, the details of steps being taken by the High Level Committee, including number of its meetings held in 2011-12 so far, to boost manufacturing sector's growth to meet the 12 per cent target during 2012-13?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : The High Level Committee on Manufacturing (HLCM) under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Prime Minister has taken a number of decisions to accelerate the growth of domestic manufacturing. These inter-alia include adoption of the National Strategy for Manufacturing (NSM 2006), National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme, Special Programmes for MSMEs for bringing up their competitiveness, launching programme for developing visionary leaders for manufacturing etc. Under the National Strategy for Manufacturing 6 sectors have been identified for priority action. They are textiles & garments, food and agro processing, leather and footwear, IP hardware and electronics, skill development and problems of SME sector including cluster development. In order to give push to these sectors, some major schemes such as Indian Leather Development Programme, Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks, Mega Food Parks, National Skill Development Mission, Cluster Development Initiative for MSME sector etc. have been taken during 11th Plan. Besides, on the basis of recommendations of HLCM ambitious initiatives like National Solar Mission etc. have been launched.

Based on recommendations / views emerged from time to time in the meetings of the High Level Committee on Manufacturing (HLCM), a National Manufacturing Policy (NMP) has been approved by the Government in November, 2011. The Policy contemplates manufacturing sector to grow at the rate of 12 to 14 percent so that its share in GDP is raised from around 16 percent as of now to about 25 percent by 2022. Various initiatives and measures for achievement of the objectives of the NMP are being finalized.