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

- (a) whether any meetings of the Government-Industry Joint Task Force/Board of Trade were held in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of the issues discussed during each of the said meetings;
- (c) the details of the export boosting measures suggested by the various participants and exporters organizations during the said meetings; and
- (d) the details of the action taken by the Government on such suggestions so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

a) Yes. The last meetings of Government-Industry Joint Task Force (GIJTF) and Board of Trade (BoT) were held on 21.12.2012 and 22.3.2013 respectively.

b)to (d): In the Meeting of Government-Industry Joint Task Force (GIJTF) , issues pertaining to the growth of manufacturing industry including availability of raw material, power, infrastructure bottlenecks, cost of credit were discussed. In of Board of Trade(BoT) meeting issues relating to Euro Zone crisis, slowdown in exports, widening of trade deficit and measures required to boost exports were discussed. These issues have been examined. Keeping in view financial and overall economic implications, some of the suggestions have been incorporated in the Annual Supplement to the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 18.4.2013.