GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2228 ANSWERED ON:11.03.2013 . E BIZ PLATFORM Adhi Sankar Shri

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

(a) whether the Government has announced the launch of e-Biz India's first Govern me nt-to- Business portal developed by Infosys and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the e-Biz platform will provide a one-stop shop for convenient and efficient online services for the investor and business communities in India reducing delays and complexity in obtaining information and services and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Environment and Forests has refused to work with fast tracking process of clearance of the single window proposal for various approvals and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the said Ministry of Environment and Forests which gives the environment and forest clearance for alt infrastructure projects has refused to link the two nods with e-Biz platform of the Ministry that seeks to serve as a one-stop shop for all licences and clearances and;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. S.JAGATHRAKSHAKAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. As a part of Government's initiative to improve the business environment and the ease of doing business in the country, the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, launched the eBiz portal on 28.01.2013 comprising License and Permits Services component that will allow business users to obtain a customized list of licenses, permits, and regulations that they require or need to comply with across all levels of government. eBiz will serve as a 24X7 online single-window system for providing efficient and convenient Government to business (G2B) services to business community by reducing the complexity in obtaining information and services related to starting businesses in India and dealing with licenses and permits across the business life-cycle. It will function as one-stop-shop for obtaining information and forms; submission of forms/applications; online payment and routing of fees and routing of forms/applications and fees to various departments for licenses, permits, registrations, approvals, clearances, permissions, periodic filings and compliances throughout the life-cycle of a business entity.

(c) to (e): Environment Clearance is a service offered by the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) for starting and running industries and businesses. This service was identified as one of the central services for integration with eBiz portal. Ministry of Environment and Forests has agreed to provide a link on the eBiz website of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion for this service but has not agreed for integration of its service with eBiz portal. MoEF has been requested to agree to integrate with eBiz portal and as a temporary measure, a hyperlink of MoEF will be provided on the ebiz portal.