

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SEMI CONDUCTOR WAFER FABRICATION UNITS

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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Department of Electronics and IT have proposed to set up semi-conductor wafer fabrication manufacturing units in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the plan panel of the Planning Commission has shot down the plan proposed by the Department of Electronics and IT;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the same; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to resolve the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI MILIND DEORA)

(a) to (e): Yes, Sir. An Empowered Committee (EC) was set up by the Government in May, 2011 for identifying technology and investors for setting up of two Semiconductor Wafer Fabrication (Fab) Manufacturing Facilities in the country as per the following mandate:

The EC would, keeping in view the entirety of the circumstances;

1. recommend the sequence/ priority between the proposed Fab-1 and Fab-2 facilities;
2. to identify technology and potential investors for establishment of Semiconductor Wafer Fabs, and thereafter ascertain their interest in setting up Semiconductor Fab facilities in India;
3. to assess and recommend the nature and quantum of Government support such as equity/ grant/ subsidy in physical/ financial terms that may be required to translate the interest into investment; and
4. to recommend to the Government the course of action with regard to the nature and quantum of Government support such as equity/ grant/ subsidy in physical/ financial terms and the procedure for finalisation of terms and conditions of investment with the potential investor/ investors.

The EC has submitted its report in March, 2013. The report is under consideration of the Government.