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

- (a) the details of various exhibitions and international trade fairs organised at Pragati Maidan of Delhi during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the foreign companies and countries which participated in these exhibitions and international trade fairs during the said period, year-wise and the details of the income earned by the Government therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to expand the trade show and organise such exhibitions/ international trade fairs in other parts of the country as well and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Pragati Maidan Exhibition Complex is facing security threat and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to utilize the services of Central Industrial Security Forces to guard the exhibition complex and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

(a) :The details of various exhibitions organized by ITPO at Pragati Maidan is at Annexure-I.

(b) :The details of participating foreign companies/countries who participated in ITPO fairs is at Annexure-II.

The details of income in foreign currency for the financial year 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 and current year as on date in respect of fairs organized by ITPO at Pragati Maidan is at Annexure-III.

(c) :ITPO is already organising trade shows in other parts of the country i.e. Chennai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Pune and Siliguri.

(d) :Pragati Maidan is the largest exhibition venue of the country located in the heart of the capital city. The venue hosts about 100 trade fairs annually. Among these are major trade fairs such as India International Trade Fair (IITF), Auto Expo etc. which attract up to a lakh of visitors a day. The presence of such large crowds creates several security challenges such as

managing the access control efficiently for smooth transit to-and-fro Pragati Maidan of goods and persons.

maintain law and order in the fair venue.

preventing petty crimes such as pick-pocketing etc.

preventing stampedes.

fire prevention.

(e) A survey has already been carried out for induction of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Preliminary ground work, requirements of force, weaponry and logistics have been worked out. Accommodation for CISF has been put in place.

After several preliminary meetings with Ministry of Home Affairs (CISF) and Delhi Police, a Standard Operating Procedure and proposal has been submitted to MHA for induction of CISF. The final approval and orders are awaited from the Ministry.