

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF BICYCLES
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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government procures bicycles having Chinese components for distribution among school children in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is taking measures to ensure that only those bicycles are procured that are using components manufactured by indigenous MSMEs; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

- (a): It has been brought to the notice that some State Governments may have procured bicycles having Chinese components for distribution among school children in the country.
- (b)&(c): As per information received from Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, the following action has already been initiated on the reported surge in cheap import of bicycles/components from China.
 - (i) The State Governments were advised on December 23, 2013 to ensure that procurement of such supplies (meant for free distribution to students) are made directly from the Indian manufacturers with an undertaking that no imported part is used in the manufacture of those bicycles, so that the imports are checked.
 - (ii) Interaction is done with the bicycle and parts manufacturers on the issues of surge in Chinese imports. A proposal was also made to the Industry to file a Safeguard Duty application for imports from China.