

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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EASE OF DOING BUSINESS INDEX
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop a domestic version of the ease of doing business index/indicators for assessing the overall business performance of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve India's standing in the ease of doing business index along with the corresponding results thereby?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has formulated action points to ease doing business in the country.
- (b) Various areas have been identified and action points on ease of doing business index/indicators have been prepared for assessing the overall business performance of the country as well as States/Union Territories.
- (c): Government has undertaken a number of steps to improve Ease of Doing Business in India. A large number of components of Defence Products' list have been excluded from the purview of Industrial Licencing. The application process for Industrial Licence and Industrial Entrepreneur's Memorandum has been made easy by simplification of form and making the process online 24X7. The validity period of the Industrial Licence and security clearance from Ministry of Home Affairs has been increased. The process of registration with Employees' Provident Fund Organization and Employees' State Insurance Corporation has been made on line and real-time. Process of obtaining environment and forest clearances has been made online. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has advised Ministries and State Governments to simplify and rationalize the regulatory environment through business process reengineering and use of information technology. 14 Government of India services have been integrated with the online single window eBiz portal.