## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LOK SABHA

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

- (a) whether the rate of contribution of service sector to the growth rate of country's economy and its contribution in world's service export is on decline;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor indicating the contribution of service sector to the growth rate of country's economy and in world's service export;
- (c) the hurdles being faced by the service sector in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to remove the hurdles being faced by the sector, to boost its growth rate and its contribution in world service export?

## **Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) & (b) As per Economic Survey 2014-15, according to the new series (base year 2011-12) of National Account Statistics of Central Statistics Office (CSO), Indias Services Sector has grown as under:

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Year Growth in Gross Value Added (GVA) in Share of Services in GVA (%) Constant (2011-12) Basic prices (%) (GVA at basic prices) 2012-13\quad 8.0 \qquad 50.0 \\ 2013-14\quad 9.1 \qquad 51.3 \\ 2014-15\quad 10.6 \qquad 53.0 \\ \text{Advance Estimate for 2014-15.}
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As per World Trade Report of WTO (2014, 2013 and 2012), the share of India's commercial services exports in total exports of services is given below:

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Year Share (%)
2011 3.6
2012 3.4
2013 3.2
Source: WTO
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Both external and domestic factors are responsible for slowdown in Indian exports of services.

(c) & (d) There are many challenges, need for reforms and improving domestic regulations in services. In order to promote trade in services, Government of India follows a multi pronged strategy of negotiating meaningful market access through multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral trade agreements, trade promotion through participation in international fairs/exhibitions, focussed strategies for specific markets and sectors, increasing competitiveness through reforms and provision of fiscal benefits through schemes like Served from India Scheme (SFIS).