

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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Diamond Testing Machinery  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- a) whether the Government has framed/proposes to frame any policy to provide diamond testing machinery to diamond industry houses at subsidised rates for testing of synthetic diamond and if so, the details thereof;
- b) the policy framed by the Government for close monitoring and ban on synthetic diamond business in the country; and
- c) the steps taken by the Government to check the promotion of synthetic diamond?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) There is no policy to impose ban on synthetic diamond business in the country. However, to monitor synthetic diamond trade, Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) has set up Diamond Detection and Resource Centre (DDRC) at Mumbai and Surat, in association with premier Institutes of the industry, for quick testing and identification of synthetic diamonds. In addition, GJEPC has formed a Natural Diamond Monitoring Committee jointly with major industry associations to monitor the proliferation of synthetic diamonds in the natural diamond trade. GJEPC has also organized seminars to sensitize the diamond industry about synthetic diamonds.

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