

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

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Trade Facilitation Council

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to set up Trade Facilitation Council to promote India"s overseas shipments;
- b) if so, the objectives and composition thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be set up;
- c) whether the Government has also asked/requested States to formulate their own State Trade and SEZ Policy, appoint commissioners and prepare export strategy in order to streamline the procedures and increase exports, if so, the details thereof indicating the response of the States thereto and the progress made by them in this regard;
- d) whether the Government has held or proposes to hold any meeting with States in this regard, if so, the details thereof indicating the issues discussed and the decisions arrived; and
- e) the manner in which the proposed measures are likely to boost exports and to achieve the export targets fixed under New Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20?

Answer

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

- a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
