

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

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Promotion of Export

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

a) whether the Government has taken any initiatives for promotion of export and also for the enhancement of the entire trade ecosystem; and

b) if so, the details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : Yes, Madam

(b) : 1. The Government of India has notified Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) which came into force on 1.4.2015. Under the new FTP, two schemes namely Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) and Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS) have been introduced with a view to promote exports in all sectors. Scrips and input imported under the schemes are freely transferrable. Details of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 are available at the website of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade at <http://dgft@gov.in>.

2. Number of mandatory documents required for export and import have been reduced from 7 & 10 respectively to 3 each in the FTP 2015-20. The saving in terms of cost and time associated with the dispensed documents would improve Ease of Doing Business in India.

3. Facility of 24x7 Customs clearance for specified exports and imports has been made available in 18 sea ports and 17 air cargo complexes. This will help in faster clearance of such imported and export goods, reduce dwell time and lower the transaction cost.

4. Single Window Project - An electronic online message exchange facility has been established between Customs and the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and the Department of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage (PQIS) at few ports.

5. Government has taken steps in creating a framework for making the States active partners in boosting exports by setting up a Council for Trade Development & Promotion which will help in ensuring a continuous dialogue with State Governments & UTs.
