

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3304
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DGS D POLICY
Kumar Shri Santosh

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

- (a) whether any new policy has been finalised/approved by the Government or Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) about change of centralised single window payment and pre-dispatch inspection to a decentralised one making a macro and small unit to run all over the country for quality assurance and payment which was existing as centralised activity till now and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of meetings convened by the Government with the stakeholders like Ministry of MSME, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), Ministry of Railways, Department of Post, Ministry of Defence etc. and major Industry Associations alongwith the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any clauses have been incorporated in the DGS&D terms and conditions of contract to incorporate the provisions of MSMED Act, 2006 and Public Procurement Policy Order 2012 for reservation, purchase preference, timely payments and provision of interest on delayed payments; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Based on the recommendation of Committee on Public Procurement (CoPP), Department has issued Correction Slips in 2013. Whereby, indenting departments have been authorized to make payment directly to the Indentors. Indenting departments are also authorized to choose inspecting agency of their choice including Directorate General of Supplies & Disposals (DGS&D) inspection.
- (b) to (d) Yes, Madam, After having consultation with concerned stake holders Government has taken a decision to provide purchase preference of 358 items exclusively from Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME). In view of decentralised system of payments, the question regarding interest on delayed payment does not arise.