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

- (a) whether India is still lagging behind in the e-Commerce industry including online retail business in comparison with many of the developed and developing countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the revenue earned by the Government by way of taxes etc. through online trading; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to promote online business?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) & (b): No study on status of e-commerce including online retail business of India has been undertaken by the Government.
- (c): Revenues in respect of online trading are not separately maintained.
- (d): The Government has taken a number of steps to promote business atmosphere in the country. Foreign Direct Investment policy permits 100% FDI under automatic route in B2B of e-commerce. Besides an online single window in the form of the eBiz Mission Mode Project under the National eGovernance Plan with a view to create a business and investor friendly ecosystem in India has been operationalized. Process of applying for Industrial Licence & Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum has been made online on 24X7 basis through eBiz Portal.