

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1832 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06th MARCH, 2020

INTERRUPTION IN SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS FROM CHINA DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

1832(H). SHRI ARUN SINGH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the industries which would be most affected due to interruption in supply of raw materials and various finished goods caused by spreading of Coronavirus in China, as most of these items for our industries are imported from China; and
- (b) the preventive measures being adopted by Government to protect the industry from this menace?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) and (b) : The Corona Virus outbreak in China has led to restriction on movement of people and business activities in many provinces of China in order to control the spread of virus. The closure of factories in China may affect the Indian industries which import components, intermediaries and raw materials from China like pharmaceutical, electronics, automobile companies, machinery and components etc.

Department of Commerce has sensitized Export Promotion Councils and Trade Bodies on actions needed to be taken by them to hedge against the potential risk of disruption in their supply chain.

The line Ministries/Departments of the product groups have been requested to reach out to our industry stakeholders and encourage them to procure adequate input supplies from current and alternative sources and ramp up production domestically.

Indian Missions abroad have been asked to explore the possibility of sourcing from and supplying to manufacturers in their respective countries and facilitate B2B meetings for the Indian manufacturers.
