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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1007
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th FEBRUARY, 2023

SHARE OF EXPORTS FROM NORTH EAST REGION

1007. MS. SUSHMITA DEV:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the North East Region accounted for only 0.13 per cent of total exports in India in the year 2019;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that most trade from the region occurs via border points outside the region;
- (c) whether Government plan to conduct a study of the Land Customs Stations (LCS) in the region to take stock of and improve their infrastructure;
- (d) if not, reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Government considers using ports in the region as shipment hubs?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (b): As per data made available by DGCIS, during the period 2018-19 and 2019-20, exports from North East Region increased from 442.58 USD Million in 2018-19 to 504.11 USD Million posting a growth of 13.9%. Almost 50 % of the total exports from North Eastern States were exported from border points within the region in 2018-19 and 2019-20. This is because of the fact that North East Region is landlocked and the export consignments go from seaports/airports from outside the region.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. It is the continuous endeavor of the Government to improve infrastructure at the border points in North East Region. The Land Port Authority of India (LPAI), under the Ministry of Home Affairs, upgrades Land Customs Stations (LCS) into Integrated Check Post (ICP) in a selective and phased manner. LPAI has conducted a study of all the LCS (Land Customs Stations) on Indian Land Borders. Out of these, 39 are in the North East Region. LPAI has already upgraded 4 LCS to Land Ports in NER. LPAI has already established Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) at Agartala, Srimantpur, Moreh and Sutarkandi in the NE region. The development of ICP at Dawki, Sabroom and Kawrpuichhuah has also been taken up by LPAI.
