

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 754.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016.**

**SETTING UP OF FLOAT GLASS PLANTS**

**754. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:  
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Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) the details of the total number of sheet and plate glass plants operating for building and housing projects in the country at present;
- (b) whether any efforts are being made by the Government to set up large size float glass plants in the country;
- (c) whether any float glass plant has suspended its work in the country particularly at Chitrakut in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to revive the operations of such factories?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्यमंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)(श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)**

- (a): Glass is a delicensed industry. Therefore, it is difficult to provide exact figures. As per the information available, there are 8 plants for manufacture of float glass.
- (b): No. Glass is a de-licensed industry and under the existing liberalized economic environment - investment decisions for start of new plants are taken by entrepreneurs based on techno-economic considerations.
- (c): A glass factory at Chitrakut was set-up in 1991 by Continental Float Glass Ltd. Lucknow in collaboration with UP State Mineral Corporation Ltd. They could not start the production. In 1992, it was decided by Govt. of UP and Continental Float Glass Ltd. to close down the factory.
- (d): No steps are under consideration by Government of India as the factory was in Joint collaboration of UP State Mineral Corporation Ltd.

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