

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FINANCE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1613
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017/PHALGUNA 19, 1938 (SAKA)

SAKSHAM PROJECT

†1613. SMT KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to link Central Board of Excise & Customs (CBEC) internal database with GST portal via Project Saksham;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) Whether the said project is likely to interference with the existing taxpayer services, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The estimated cost for the completion of this project?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

- a) & b) No, CBEC internal database will not be exposed to any external system. Project Saksham will enable up-gradation and augmentation of CBEC's IT Infrastructure. This project will also enable setting up of an information exchange mechanism through secure methods of message exchange.
- c) CBEC is committed to a seamless transition of existing taxpayer services in a phased manner to the new platform. Thus, planned downtime will be kept to the barest minimum by performing such activities mostly over weekends and holidays.
- d) The total cost approved by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs is Rs. 2256 crores (approx.) over a period of seven years, for implementation, operations and maintenance.