

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st JANUARY, 2018

IMPACT OF GST ON DIAMOND INDUSTRY

2209. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the diamond industry is badly hit by the implementation of Goods and Service Tax (GST) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to approach the Ministry of Finance for making further changes in the GST to give relief to diamond business particularly to those dealing with cutting and polishing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b) The diamond industry was initially affected after implementation of Goods and Service Tax (GST) with effect from 1st July, 2017. However, the situation has improved thereafter and the export of cut and polished diamond during the period July-November, 2017 was USD 9696.13 Million as compared to USD 9707.00 during the same period in previous year.

(c) & (d) The representations made by Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) for changes in GST to give relief to diamond industry has already been taken up with Ministry of Finance. Also, some of the changes in GST rates have been made, like reduction in GST rate on job work and treating industrial rough diamond at par with non-industrial rough diamond.