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

LOK SABHA

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5553. TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE $2^{\rm ND}$ APRIL, 2018.

5553. SHRI ANOOP MISHRA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state: वाणिज्य एवं उदयोग मंत्री

- (a) whether the water scarcity in different parts of the country has severely affected the industrial production of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken or being taken by the Government to increase the industrial production in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी) THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) & (b): Water being a State subject, the Central Government does not maintain data regarding demand and availability of water for industrial purposes. Steps for augmentation, conservation and efficient management of water resources to ensure its sustainability and availability are primarily undertaken by the respective State Governments. In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments, the Central Government provides technical and financial assistance to State Governments through various schemes and programmes.
- (c): Government is continuously taking steps to boost growth in the manufacturing sector which inter alia, includes putting in place a policy framework to create conducive business environment, strengthening infrastructure network and ensuring availability of required inputs. Make in India initiative aims to make India a hub for manufacturing, design and innovation. It focuses on infrastructure, simplified processes, job creation, skill development and fostering innovation in select thrust sectors. This initiative is based on four pillars of New Processes, New Infrastructure, New Sectors and New Mindset, which have been identified to give boost not only in manufacturing but also in other sectors. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and procedures have been simplified and liberalised progressively. The Government has also taken up a series of measures to improve Ease of Doing Business. The emphasis has been on simplification and rationalization of the existing rules and introduction of information technology to make governance more efficient and effective.
