

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 893
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd JULY, 2018

WORLD GOLD COUNCIL VISION, 2020

893. SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the World Gold Council Vision, 2020 has projected that Indian Gold Industry will transform the country into the world jeweller by increasing gold jewellery exports five folds and doubling employment in the sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Vision has also advised India to create a Gold tourism circuit in the country to attract foreign as well as domestic customers for handicrafts gold jewellery;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the production and export of handicrafts jewellery?

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) to (d) World Gold Council has not presented any Paper/Report to the Government with regard to gold jewellery exports.

(e) With a view to promote the Gems and Jewellery sector including handicrafts jewellery, Government has taken a number of steps such as setting up of Common Facility Centres for gem and jewellery sector; amendment of wastage and value addition norms for gems and jewellery items; and providing financial assistance for participation in international fairs, organizing buyer-seller meets, creation of export related infrastructure, etc. under various schemes of the Department of Commerce.