

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2898.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 10TH JULY, 2019.**

CLOSING OF FIRECRACKER AND MATCHBOX FACTORIES

2898. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B :

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government is aware that large number of firecrackers and matchbox factories were closed down in the recent past across the country, particularly in Sivakasi, Tamil Nadu due to various reasons and consequently large number of workers and laborers have lost their job;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government would take necessary steps to create a conducive environment/atmosphere to re-open all these closed firecracker and matchbox factories to solve unemployment problem in Sivakasi and its surrounding areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry does not collect information regarding shutting down or closure of industrial units in the country. Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises have informed that they have no information regarding closure of Firecracker and matchbox factories.
- (b) to (e) : Do not arise.