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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3916 (H) TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2019

EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME

3916(H). SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for providing assistance to the States to promote their exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of total funds allocated to various States to promote exports during each year of the last three years, region-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to involve States in the efforts meant for promoting export;
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the system and remove the bottlenecks to achieve the export target of the country; and
- (f) whether the Government has made provisions for exemption in tax too to promote export and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (c) The Government of India has launched a scheme namely, 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)' w.e.f FY 2017-18 with the objective to assist Central and State Government Agencies for creation of appropriate infrastructure for growth of exports from the States. The Scheme provides financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid to Central/State Government owned agencies for setting up or for up-gradation of export infrastructure as per the guidelines of the Scheme. The scheme can be availed by the States through their Implementing Agencies, for infrastructure projects with overwhelming export linkages like the Border Haats, Land customs stations, quality testing and certification labs, cold chains, trade promotion centres, dry ports, export warehousing and packaging, SEZs and ports/airports cargo terminuses. The Scheme guidelines are available at http://commerce.gov.in.

Under the TIES Scheme, a total of 28 export infrastructure projects have been provided financial assistance during FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as on 1st July, 2019). The state-wise and Year-wise details of projects, located in various States/UTs, is given at Annexure-I.

(d) The Government of India strives to ensure a continuous dialogue with the State Governments and Union Territories on measures for promoting exports and for providing an international trade enabling environment in the States, and to create a framework for making the States active partners in boosting exports from India.

(e) Under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), DGFT operates various Export promotion schemes such as Advance Authorization, Duty Free Import Authorization, Export Promotion of Capital Goods, Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS). To give effect to these schemes, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs has issued various exemption notifications. The details of various exemptions provided for these schemes are given in the FTP.

MEIS was introduced in the FTP w.e.f. 01.04.2015, providing rewards for exporters of specified goods. The objective of the MEIS is to offset infrastructural inefficiencies and associated costs involved in exporting goods/products which are produced/manufactured in India. The scheme incentivizes exporters in terms of Duty Credit Scrips at the rate of 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 % of FOB Value of exports realized. These scrips are transferable and can be used to pay certain Central Duties/taxes including Customs Duties.

As regards promotion of trade in services, Government of India provides fiscal benefits through Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) for some identified sectors. Government of India is following a multi-pronged strategy, including negotiating meaningful market access through multilateral, regional and bilateral trade agreements, trade promotion through participation in international fairs/exhibitions and focused strategies for specific markets and sectors to promote Trade in Services. An 'Action Plan for Champion Sectors in Services' has also been approved in February, 2018 to give focussed attention to 12 Champion Services Sector like Information Technology / Information Technology Enabled Services, Tourism and Hospitality Servi ces, Medical value Travel, etc.

The Agriculture Export Policy was launched in 2018 to harness export potential of Indian agriculture, through suitable policy instruments, to make India global power in agriculture and raise farmers' income. This comprehensive "Agriculture Export Policy" aims to increase agricultural exports by integrating Indian farmers and agricultural products with the global value chains.

(f) Section 10AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 provides for deduction of profits and gains derived from the export of articles or things or from services in respect of newly established Units in Special Economic Zones. Such deduction is allowed to an entrepreneur as referred to in clause (j) of section 2 of the Special Economic Zones Act, 2005, from his Unit, who begins to manufacture or produce articles or things or provide any services during the previous year relevant to any assessment year commencing on or after the 1st day of _April, 2006, but before the first day of April, 2021. The deduction is allowed as under:

(i) hundred per cent of profits and gains derived from the export, of such articles or things or from services for a period of five consecutive assessment years beginning with the assessment year relevant to the previous year in which the Unit begins to manufacture or produce such articles or things or provide services, as the case may be, and fifty per cent of such profits and gains for further five assessment years and thereafter;

(ii) for the next five consecutive assessment years, so much of the amount not exceeding fifty per cent of the profit as is debited to the profit and loss account of the previous year in respect of which the deduction is to be allowed and credited to a reserve account (to be called the "Special Economic Zone Re-investment Reserve Account") to be created and utilized for the purposes of the business of the assessee in the manner laid down.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3916 FOR ANSWER ON 17.7.2019 BY SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL REGARDING EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEME.

S.No.	Name of State/UT	Year	Number of new projects approved	TIES fund released (in Rs.Cr.)
1	Karnataka	2017-18	3	5.85
		2018-19	0	2.85*
		2019-20	0	0
		Total	3	8.7
2	Kerala	2017-18	1	6.5
		2018-19	0	6.5*
		2019-20	0	0
		Total	1	13
3	Manipur	2017-18	1	6
	-	2018-19	1	5.83
		2019-20	0	0
		Total	2	11.83
4	Andhra	2017-18	2	8.15
1	Pradesh	2018-19	0	26.01*
		2019-20	0	1.99*
		Total	2	36.15
5	Tamil Nadu	2017-18	2	14.78
5		2018-19	4	15.65
		2019-20	3	6.56
	-	Total	9	36.99
6	Madhya	2017-18	2	25.71
	Pradesh	2017-10	0	0
		2010-17	0	0
	-	Total	2	25.71
7	Uttar Pradesh	2017-18	1	1.07
/		2017-10	0	0
		2010-19	0	0
		Total	1	1.07
0	Maharashtra		1	1.52
8	Manarashtra	2017-18		
	-	2018-19	0	0
		2019-20	0	0
0	m ·	Total	1	1.52
9	Tripura	2017-18	1	6.15
		2018-19	0	0
	-	2019-20	0	0
		Total	1	6.15
10	West Bengal	2017-18	1	4.27
		2018-19	0	2.56*
		2019-20	0	0
		Total	1	6.83
11	Delhi	2017-18	0	0
		2018-19	1	8
		2019-20	0	0
		Total	1	8
12	Rajasthan	2017-18	0	0

Details of projects approved under TIES [FY 17-18 to FY 19-20 (till 01.07.2019)]

		2018-19	2	3.06			
		2019-20	0	0			
		Total	2	3.06			
13	Chandigarh	2017-18	0	0			
		2018-19	1	2.81			
		2019-20	0	0			
		Total	1	2.81			
14	Assam	2017-18	0	0			
		2018-19	0	0			
		2019-20	1	3.95**			
		Total	1	3.95**			
	GRAND		28				
TOTAL				165.77			
	* Includes disbursement of subsequent installments for a previously sanctioned project						
	Funds yet to be disbursed ***						