

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5135.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2019.**

**PROMOTION OF PLYWOOD INDUSTRY**

**5135. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:**

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

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) whether the Government has made any plans to promote the plywood industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any schemes to offer to help existing industry to nurture the plywood business and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to reduce the GST on plywood for promoting the business; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)**

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) : Subsequent to the announcement of Industrial policy by Government of India in 1991, most of industries are now delicensed except for four sectors [ Cigars and cigarettes of tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes, Electronic aerospace and defence equipment, Industrial explosives including detonating fuses, safety fuses, gun powder, nitrocellulose and matches and Hazardous chemicals]. In all other sectors entrepreneurs are free to setup industry in any part of country.
- (b): There are no specific schemes to promote the plywood industry. However, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade under Ministry of Commerce & Industry has notified North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017. This Scheme is meant for granting incentives to new industrial units established in North–East States which also includes Plywood Industry. Industrial Development Scheme ( IDS) also exists for Himalayan States namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Utrakhand. Under the scheme incentives are provided to all eligible new and existing units and for their substantial expansion located anywhere in Himalayan states.
- (c)&(d): Good & Services Tax (GST) on Plywood has already been reduced from 28% to 18% in November, 2017 on the recommendation of GST Council for promoting the industry.

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