

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1033.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 26TH JULY, 2023.**

ONDC

**1033. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:**

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) the number of orders placed through Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) portal since inception;
- (b) the gross rupee value of all orders placed since inception;
- (c) the number of traders (sellers) onboarded on the portal since inception;
- (d) the number of buyer-side and seller-side apps currently in operation;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to expand the coverage of ONDC; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

(a) to (d) Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is a section 8 company and is an initiative of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, aimed at promoting open networks for all aspects of the exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. ONDC is a first-of-its-kind, global initiative aimed at democratizing digital commerce in India.

ONDC is a network which facilitates digital commerce transactions between entities, which may be apps, platforms, portals or any other digital system which have adopted ONDC Protocols.

ONDC is not a platform, but a network enabling interoperability and unbundling. Being a network, ONDC does not directly onboard any sellers. ONDC enables both products and services to be transacted through the network.

ONDC is a network of independent Buyer Apps and Seller Apps conducting transactions enabled through a common language of commerce which is compliant with ONDC Protocol.

(e) & (f): ONDC strives hard to expand to all corners of India by giving special attention and providing hand holding to undigitized sellers.
