

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2578
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MARCH, 2021

MERCHANDISE EXPORTS FROM INDIA SCHEME

2578. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of the Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) during the last three years and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a rapid increase witnessed in the revenue out of the country under MEIS;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

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) : Yes Sir. A committee headed by CEO, NITI Aayog comprising of members from Department of Commerce and Ministry of Finance had reviewed the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) in 2019. The main recommendation of the Committee was that a scheme to refund currently un-rebated Central, State and Local Taxes on inputs consumed in manufacturing exported products should be launched, consistent with the globally acceptable and World Trade Organization (WTO) compatible principle that exports should be zero rated.
- (b) to (d): The value of scrips issued under MEIS during last three years and current year is as under:-

Financial Year	Value of MEIS Scrips issued (in Rs Crores)
2017-18	26837.97
2018-19	39724.37
2019-20	39530.45
2020-21*	15452.83

(*as on 26.02.2021)

The outgo under MEIS has increased over these years largely due to:

- i. Increase in coverage of HS lines under the Scheme from about 5000 lines in 2015-16 to about 7500 lines from FY 2017-18 onwards.
- ii. For more than 2250 HS lines, rates under MEIS were increased during FY 2017-18.
- iii. Introduction of online processing from 2018-19 in place of manual procedure earlier.

MEIS has been discontinued with effect from 01.01.2021.
