

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3267
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23rd MARCH, 2022

SERVICE INDUSTRIES

3267. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to create standards for the service industries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government agrees with the view that the service industries currently are more in need of support to survive the rigours of the pandemic rather than regulatory tangles; and
- (d) if so, the details of the initiatives taken by the Government in this regard;

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) & (b): Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has set up a dedicated Services Sector Division Council (SSDC) to formulate Indian Standards in various Services Sectors, especially Champion Services Sectors. Wherever possible, the Indian Standards are harmonized with international standards for ensuring that quality of services match global expectations.

(c) & (d): The services sector export from April 2021 to January 2022 is USD 204.50 billion*, exhibiting a positive growth of 22.13 percent as compared to the similar period in the previous year. The initiatives taken by the Government to boost the service industries are as follows:

- Loan Guarantee Scheme for COVID affected sectors which include health and tourism, free one-month tourist visa to 5 lakh tourists once visa issuance is restarted, and financial support to tourist guides and other stakeholders.
- Structural reforms such as liberalized Foreign Direct Investment regime in most of the sectors.
- 'Action Plan for Champion Sectors in Services' to give focused attention to 12 identified Champion Services Sectors to support sectoral initiatives of nodal Ministries/Departments.

[* Data are provisional]
