

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3670
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST DECEMBER, 2015

INCLUSION/EXCLUSION OF ITEMS UNDER MEIS

3670. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

SHRI D.S. RATHOD:

SHRI PARESH RAVAL:

SHRI C.R. PATIL:

SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH:

SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:

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

- whether the Directorate General of Foreign Trade has recently announced a new list of textile items eligible for export incentives under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and if so, the details thereof;
- the reasons for exclusion of certain knitted fabrics for concession under the scheme along with the steps taken by the Government to grant benefits on export of entire range of knitted fabrics including value added products such as cotton dyed and printed fabrics in order to avoid unintended inclusion;
- whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested the Central Government to include copper cathode and rods in the new Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Government thereto; and
- whether the State Government of Gujarat has also requested for export incentives to the Copper Industry and if so, the details thereof along with the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (सीतारमण निर्मला श्रीमती)(स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) & (b) Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) incentivises 5012 tariff lines at 8 digit level at present. It includes 752 tariff lines relating to Textiles, Ready Made Garments and Made Ups sector. Labour intensive products like Handloom, Coir, Jute, Textile related handicraft products, carpets, woollen shawls etc. have been provided support at maximum

rate of 5%. Important lines of Ready Made Garments, Made Ups, and cotton fabrics are also covered. Other lines of textiles could not be supported, given the need to prioritize within the available resources.

- (c) & (d) The Government has received requests for grant of export incentives to the Copper Industry. MEIS incentivises 26 tariff lines at 8 digit level of copper and articles thereof. Copper Cathodes and Rods could not be included in the MEIS, given the need to prioritize within the available resources.
