

To further encourage this, projects which commit at least 30 per cent of the total project cost for low cost affordable housing will be exempted from minimum built up area and capitalisation requirements, with the condition of three year lock-in. FDI in the manufacturing sector is today on the automatic route. The manufacturing units will be allowed to sell its products through retail including "E-commerce platforms without any additional approval."

Special package to Chhattisgarh under ASIDE scheme

†757. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether special package under the Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme could be allocated to Chhattisgarh as is the case with other States;

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether permission would be granted for import of container freight depot HMS-I and HMS-II; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) There is no provision in the ASIDE Scheme for a special package for any State and hence no special package can be allocated to Chhattisgarh. Under the formula for fund allocation in the ASIDE Scheme applied to all the States, the allocation for Chhattisgarh is ₹ 5.84 crore for 2014-15.

(c) and (d) Since there is potential presence of explosive material in imported un-shredded metal scrap and consequential risk to human life and property, Government is not permitting import of HMS-I and HMS-II from any new ICD other than the 26 designated ports. Therefore, the request of ICD Raipur at Chhattisgarh has not been acceded to.

Measures taken to boost exports

758. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of measures taken by Government during the last three years to boost country's exports;

(b) whether Government is providing any additional incentives to concerned organisations to boost the exports of the country, if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of industries benefited from the new move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The Government continuously monitors the export performance of different sectors and need based corrective measures to boost export are taken from time to time, keeping in view the financial and overall economic implications. Government announced certain export promotion measures continuing the strategy of product diversification and market diversification. In order to boost exports more countries have been added under both Focus Market Scheme (FMS) and Special Focus Market Scheme (Special FMS) and new items have been added to the Market Linked Focus Product Scheme (MLFPS) and to the Focus Product Scheme (FPS). Subsequently, Government also notified some high-tech products under Focus Product Scheme. MLFPS benefit for export of Textile items, covered under Chapter 61 and Chapter 62 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items to EU and USA, has been extended for the year 2013-14. Incremental Export Incentivisation Scheme introduced *w.e.f* 1.1.2013, was further extended for the year 2013-14. Government has also enhanced the rate of interest subvention under Interest Subvention Scheme from 2% to 3% with effect from 01.08.2013.

(b) Export incentives are granted to exporters in the form of duty credit scrips either for export of particular products or to a particular destination (markets).

(c) The focus of the Government has been to incentivise labour intensive sectors like handicraft, handlooms, leather and carpets. Besides these sectors other sectors like Engineering, Chemical, Textiles, Pharma etc. have also benefitted from the above schemes.

Expert Committee for rubber sector

759. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has constituted an Expert Committee with a view to address the concerns of various stakeholders in the rubber sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the Terms of Reference of the Committee;

(c) whether the Committee will formulate a National Policy on Rubber; and

(d) if so, the details of the proposed Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN) : (a) to (d) The Government has set up an Expert Committee consisting of representatives of various stakeholders