

Changes in foreign trade policy

1966. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to make wide changes in Foreign Trade Policy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to bring any new tax structure for exporters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The existing comprehensive Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2004-09 has been extended beyond 31.3.2009 "till further amendments" *vide* Notification No.70 dated 8.12.2008. Government closely monitors the different export sectors and need based measures are taken keeping in view the financial implications. There is presently no proposal to bring any new tax structure for exporters at this point of time.

Private intellectual property rights in India

1967. SHRI P. R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has allowed any private intellectual property rights buyers to operate in India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether IISC, IIT and CSIR have sold any of their products or processes patents to any of the US based companies; and
- (d) if so, the institute-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The intellectual property rights are private rights and the right holder can assign, license, transfer or sell the rights to others depending upon his commercial and other interests.

(c) and (d) During 2004-05 to 2008-09, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has assigned/licensed 11 patents to United States (US) based companies.

The information in respect of Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore and the Indian Institutes of Technology is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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