

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Government has been receiving requests for shifting of industrial units from one SEZ to another SEZ. The matter was placed before Board of Approvals for directions. It has been decided by the Board that in principle there is no objection for such shifting. However, all proposals for shifting of industrial units must be placed before the Board for its consideration.

Adverse effect of cuts in import duties under EU FTA

2578. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the India-EU Free Trade Agreement proposes massive cuts in import duties on industrial goods, which will greatly impact India's manufacturing sector that is already facing job losses and shrinking markets; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to that proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In the negotiations of the proposed India - EU Broad based Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) India is committed for a balanced and mutually beneficial outcome which may also provide new opportunities of market access in EU to all sectors of India including manufacturing sector. However, the negotiations are ongoing and final positions have not yet emerged.

Proposal to set up SEZs in smaller cities

2579. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to set up Special Economic Zones in small cities and decided to reduce the minimum built up area requirement for sector specific zones such as IT, gems and jewellery and bio-tech in tier 2 and tier 3 cities;

(b) if so, whether this move will attract developers in small cities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the details of location identified by Government to implement this proposal as a pilot project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) A Special Economic Zone may be established