

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Incentive to labour intensive sectors

156. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of labour intensive sectors that have been given Rs. 1052 crores incentives recently; and
- (b) to what extent this incentive helps in achieving the US \$ 200 billion export target for 2010-11?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MAHADAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Government has extended supportive measures/incentives to different export sectors, in particular, the labour intensive sectors like handicrafts, handloom, textiles, leather and leather products, toys and sports goods, chemicals, engineering, electronics, plantation.

Arrest in decline of exports and its movement to positive trajectory since October, 2009 clearly indicates that while the impact of global economic slowdown is still continuing on our exports, the supports/incentives have significantly contributed in the export growth.

Discussion paper on FDI in multibrand retail trading

157. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has released a discussion paper on the subject of 'Foreign Direct Investment in multi-brand retail trading';
- (b) if so, the main objectives thereof;
- (c) whether its impact on farmers and small traders in the unorganized sector has been examined; and
- (d) if so, the final decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MAHADAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The existing policy allows for 51% FDI in only single brand retail subject to specified conditions. The further liberalization of this policy has been