

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Procedural simplification is a continuous exercise. From time to time various measures are announced to simplify processes so as to facilitate foreign trade and bring down their transaction cost. No complaint has been received from the exporters about their difficulties in obtaining Bank Realisation Certificate (BRC). DGFT has been in consultation with all banks so that the Bank Realisation Certificate can be transmitted on-line from the banks to DGFT eliminating the need for the exporters to approach the respective banks for hard copy of BRC.

Skill Development Council for Rubber Sector

2810. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Indian Rubber Industries Association have formed a Skill Development Council for the intensive rubber sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Rubber Industries Sector Skill Council (RSSC) would help the sector and promote academic excellence in this sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) As per information available with the Government, the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) has approved a proposal to set up Rubber Sector Skill Council (RSSC), jointly promoted by All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) and Automotive Tyre Manufacturers Association (ATMA), which are private bodies.

(c) and (d) The Rubber Sector Skill Council, named as Rubber Skill Development Centre (RSDC) aims to develop competency based framework for skills development and Quality Assurance of personnel in the Rubber sector.

US demand for relaxation of import norms

2811. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the US has sought relaxation of import norms on wide range of technical barriers to trade covering areas such as toys, cosmetics, wine and telecom equipments;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the US also pressed India to revise its labelling requirements for food and distilled spirits; 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) Requests related to trade and commercial issues have been received from the United States of America (USA) from time to time. These include requests related to tariff reductions and requests related to issues concerning sectors like Toys, Telecom, Information Technology and Non Conventional Energy, as also with regard to labelling requirements. These requests are examined and appropriately acted upon keeping the national interest in mind.

Ignoring key suggestion on export policies

2812. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has been ignoring the views/suggestions on export policies regarding key agricultural and allied items;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether on the export front of agricultural products, the Ministry has consulted the Ministry of Agriculture in the past few years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps Government proposes to take to ensure that in future the concerned Ministries would not be overlooked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) Sir, any important matter regarding exports/imports of agricultural commodities is taken by the Empowered Group of Ministers (EGOM) or Standing Committee of Secretaries (SCOS) constituted with representatives of different Ministries/Departments including Ministry of Agriculture as the Members. Besides this, at the time of preparation of any Cabinet/EGOM/CCP/CCEA note relating with exports/imports of agricultural commodities, the views/inputs of the Ministry of Agriculture are sought.

- (e) Does not arise.