

- (d) the details of action plan prepared to achieve the targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (d) The Government has notified a National Manufacturing Policy on 4th November, 2011. The salient features of the policy are creation of industrial infrastructure including National Investment & Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs); rationalization and simplification of business regulations; simple and expeditious exit mechanism for closure of sick units while protecting labour's interests; financial and institutional mechanisms for technology development including green technology; industrial training and skill upgradation measures; incentives for SMEs; leveraging infrastructure deficit and government procurement; and special focus sectors. The targets of the proposed policy are enhancing the share of manufacturing in the GDP to 25% within a decade; creating 100 million jobs; imparting the necessary skill sets to the youth to make them employable; and increasing domestic value addition and technological depth in manufacturing while ensuring environmental sustainability. The policy is based on the principle of industrial growth in partnership with the states. The Government of India has created an enabling policy framework. It is the prerogative of the states to adopt the instrumentalities provided in the policy.

Removal of seven Indian entities from foreign end users list by Japan

1559. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Japanese Government has removed seven Indian entities from Foreign End Users List, a list of banned entities for high tech co-operation; and
- (b) if so, the details of those entities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The seven Indian entities removed from the End Users List by Government of Japan are as under :

- (i) Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), DRDO.
- (ii) Bharat Dynamics Ltd., (BDL)
- (iii) Indian Rare Earths Ltd. (IREL)
- (iv) Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, (LPSC), ISRO
- (v) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, (SDSC), ISRO

- (vi) United Phosphorous Limited, (UPL)
- (vii) Solid State Physics Laboratory, (SSPL), DRDO.

Help to Virginia tobacco farmers

1560. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether Government has received representations from tobacco farmers who have huge stocks piled up in their godowns;
- (b) if so, what steps Government is taking to help the Virginia tobacco farmers to find markets;
- (c) whether Government has made any effort to invite international buyers and companies to purchase Indian Virginia tobacco in 2012; and
- (d) if so, the details of steps proposed by Government to encourage more buyers for Indian Virginia tobacco from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (d) Encouraging exports is a continuous process. The Tobacco Board participates in exhibitions across the world and exchanges trade delegations to promote the brand image of Virginia tobacco, its cost competitiveness among the similar tobacco produced elsewhere and builds trust among the overseas customers for product integrity and consistent supply of the same.

New Centres for purchase of Virginia tobacco in A.P. and Karnataka

1561. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Tobacco Board has opened new purchasing centers for purchase of Virginia tobacco in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka in 2011-12;
- (b) if so, where are the new auction/purchasing centres opened;
- (c) what are the steps being taken by the Tobacco Board to create conditions to increase competition among potential buyers of Indian Virginia tobacco;
- (d) whether foreign buyers have been banned from buying tobacco at the Tobacco Board sponsored auction platform; and