

Rs. 96.80 lakh has been approved as reimbursement of cost of preparation of DPRs for Bhubaneswar city. Also in order to facilitate the implementation of projects under JNNURM, the proposal of Orissa Government for Rs. 37.40 lakh was approved as cost for Project Management Unit (PMU) and release of Rs. 33.12 lakh has been recommended to Ministry of Finance. Additionally, one Project Implementation Unit for Bhubaneswar has been sanctioned.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Expected Increase in Trade Between India and Pakistan

1551. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

- (a) what is the expected increase in trade between India and Pakistan after the current liberalisation;
- (b) the quantum of increase in terms of quantity and revenue commodity-wise, the Ministry expect to achieve through such liberalisation;
- (c) which routes the Ministry proposes to use for channelizing such increase in trade and how does plan to address the logistical bottlenecks that are expected to develop at Wagah and other transit points; and
- (d) whether the Ministry proposes to take steps to revive some of the pre-partition road links; if so, what are those routes and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) The Government of Pakistan has changed its approach from 'Positive List' of 1963 items to 'Negative List' of 1209 items through the notification S.R.O No. 280(I)/2012 dated 20.03.2012, for import of goods from India. It is expected that this will result in substantial increase in trade between both the countries.

(b) In the Joint Statement issued during the Commerce Minister of Pakistan visit to India in September 2011, it had been mentioned that both India and Pakistan are entering a new phase of full normalization of bilateral trade relations. The Ministers agreed to jointly work to more than double bilateral trade within three years, from current levels of 2.7 Billion US dollars per annum to about 6 Billion dollars.

(c) In the Joint Statement issued during Commerce Secretary of India visit to Pakistan in April 2011, it had been mentioned that significant progress had been made in developing Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Attari for expanding trade through land route. It had also been mentioned that a second gate is being constructed at Attari/Wagha border with new dedicated road for passenger and freight traffic for smooth

trade. Both sides agreed to expand trade through Wagah-Attari by inter-alia (a) increasing trading hours taking advantage of the new infrastructure (b) expeditious clearance of cargo and (c) facilitating movement of large vehicles and containerized traffic.

(d) Dialogue had been initiated with Pakistan side for opening of additional land routes for trade. Opening of Munabao/Khokharapar route for trade has been agreed to be explored in consultation with the stakeholders.

Assistance to Gujarat for Development of Salt Industries

1552. SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal to the Central Government to grant 50 per cent assistance in the projects for the development of salt industry and welfare activities for the nomadic tribes, agarias; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by the Central Government on the proposal of the State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : (a) The Central Government has received a general reference from the Industries and Mines Department of the Government of Gujarat in February 2012 suggesting that for the better welfare activities and development in salt producing areas, Central Government may contribute 50% of the amount in the projects approved by the State Government.

(b) In the absence of any concrete and specific proposal, the Central Government would not be able to take any decision in this regard.

Discrepancies in Export Figures

†1553. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI :
SHRI PRABHAT JHA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export data for the current financial year, has been found hugely exceeding from the actual export and it has put a question mark on Government figures;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any case related to black money has come into light due to unprecedented increases in export sector; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.