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Policy measures for improving manufacturing sector

320. DR. BHAL CHANDRA MUNGEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what policy measures did the Ministry adopt during the last two years to improve the performance of the India's manufacturing sector;

(b) the result of these measures in terms of increase in the Index of Industrial Production; and

(c) what additional measures does the Ministry think necessary in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN): (a) to (c) The Government is continuously taking measures to improve the performance of the manufacturing sector of the country. Some such measures taken include announcement of National Manufacturing Policy (NMP), 2011, simplification and rationalization of the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy, implementation of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project, launching of the e-biz Mission Mode Project under the National e-Governance Plan, and creating a joint venture 'Invest India' in association with FICCI. Besides, incentives are given for helping industries in difficult areas through Plan Schemes of Transport Subsidy, special package of incentives for Special Category States, North-East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy, 2007, and specific programmes like Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, Indian Leather Development Programmes etc.

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) reflects movements in production of manufacturing, mining and electricity. While the policy measures taken by the Government are facilitating in nature, the movements in the IIP are caused by

inherent supply and demand factors that affect industrial production. During the last two years, the IIP (Base 2004-2005) increased from 170.3 in 2011-12 to 172.2 in 2012-13.

Some of the additional measures that have been considered necessary by the Government for facilitating increase in industrial production include creating a project monitoring cell for stalled infrastructural and industrial projects with high investment, and approving commencement of preparatory work on creating Chennai-Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC), Bengaluru-Mumbai Economic Corridor (BMEC) and Amritsar-Delhi-Kolkata Industrial Corridor (ADKIC).

Financial assistance to States to boost fish exports

321. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise quantum and value of fresh and dry fish exported from the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether Government has provided any financial or infrastructure assistance to the State Governments to boost fish exports; and
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The State-wise quantum and value of fresh and dry fish exported from the country during each of the last three years are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively (*See* below).

(b) and (c) MPEDA is not providing any assistance directly to State Governments. However, MPEDA is giving financial assistance under various schemes to the exporters from various States. Details are given in Statement-III.