

(c) The Government has taken several steps to reduce reliance on synthetic plant protection formulations and to ensure that Indian tea continues to meet the high standards expected by the consumers. Towards this end, the Plant Protection Code has been introduced by the Tea Board which lays down guidelines for safe intervals for PPF use during the tea cultivation and harvest cycle, water quality, workers' safety and equipment maintenance for PPF spraying, safe disposal of PPF containers, transportation, storage and application of PPFs and end product testing. Tea Board has also partnered with the industry to implement pilot projects for using non synthetic plant protection formulations for tea cultivation. 'Trustea', an industry-led initiative, has been launched to enforce quality in manufactured tea. 'Trustea' certificate is granted to manufacturing units that do not use plant formulations banned by the Central and State Governments or its affiliated bodies. Further, the FSSAI undertakes regular review of the MRLs for permitted chemicals with a view to harmonize Indian sustainability and production standards with international standards.

SC/ST employees

†315. SHRI JUGUL KISHORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the strength of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees in the Ministry is insufficient;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of vacancies against different posts in the Ministry in various States of the country including Uttar Pradesh and the number of posts to be filled and the actual number of SC/ST employees working in the Ministry;
- (d) the corrective measures taken by Government in this regard; and
- (e) by when all the vacancies in the Ministry are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) Policy of reservation in services under the Government of India is implemented as per instructions issued from time to time by the Department of Personnel and Training.

(c) Recruitment to different categories of posts in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, except the posts of Indian Trade Service (ITS), Indian Supply Service

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(ISS), Indian Inspection Service (IIS) and Multi-tasking staff (MTS), are made by the Department of Personnel and Training, which maintains reservation rosters in respect of these posts. As regards posts of ITS, ISS, IIS and MTS, the position is as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the post	Sanctioned Strength	Strength in position	Actual no. of SC employees		Actual no. of ST employees	
				No.	%	No.	%
1.	ITS	189	125	17	13.60	11	8.80
2.	ISS	157	52	10	19.23	05	9.62
3.	IIS	164	110	20	18.18	06	5.45
4.	MTS	314	264	61	23.11	28	10.61

(d) and (e) Vacancies reserved for Schedules Castes and Scheduled Tribes are filled along with other vacancies. However, the Central Government launches Special Recruitment Drives from time to time to fill up the backlog of reserved vacancies.

Doubling India's share in global trade

316. SHRIMATI JHARNA DAS BAIDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- whether Government proposes to double India's share in global trade by 2020;
- if so, the strategies Government proposes to adopt when imports are increasing and exports are decreasing;
- which sectors Government proposes to focus for increasing export;
- which new markets Government proposes to access for such export; and
- the sector-wise and market-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The long term vision of the Government is to increase India's exports of Merchandise and Services from present level of 464.1 billion USD (2013-14) to approximately 900 billion USD by 2018-19 (CAGR approximately 14%) and take India's share of global exports to above 3%.

(b) An aggressive product promotion strategy for high value items that have a strong manufacturing base is the main focus of the overall growth strategy. The core of