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agricultural products is a continuous process. The Government is taking steps to encourage exports of agro products through measures and incentives under Plan schemes of the Commodity Boards and Export Promotion Councils. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) and Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS), Interest Equalisation Scheme etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports. The Government has already unveiled the new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 on 01st April, 2015 which aims at export promotion for all products including agricultural products. At present there is no proposal for a separate agri export plan.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Relaxation in patent protection norms in pharmacy

1944. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering the relaxation of norms, allowing for patent protection in pharmacy, in light of the new dialogue with the United States of America, if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) what impact will this have for the production and supply of cheap and life- saving drugs, for many developing countries in Asia and Africa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Sectors under 'Make in India' programme

1945. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the month-wise and sector-wise details of exports and imports separately, in all the sectors identified under the 'Make in India' programme in the last two financial years and in the current financial year, till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): The sectors identified under the Make in India programme include:

3. Aviation 1. Automobile

2. Automobile components 4. Biotechnology