

Non-operational SEZs in Tamil Nadu

2086. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 9 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) which are non-operational in the State of Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of those SEZs which are non-functional and reasons for their non functioning; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to revive the non-operational SEZs in the State of Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) to (c) Out of 50 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) notified in the State of Tamil Nadu, a total of 36 SEZs are exporting and remaining 14 notified SEZs are non-operational. In order to boost SEZs, review meetings with the Development Commissioners of SEZs are held regularly. Besides, open house meeting with SEZ stakeholders and Road Shows have been organised in various parts of the State to give wide publicity of SEZs.

Guidelines for business through e-commerce

2087. SHRI MANSUKH L. MANDAVIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1401 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18 December, 2013 and State:

(a) whether the Ministry has any specific guidelines/regulations for business through e-commerce, mobile commerce, teleshopping and online business module, if so, the segment-wise details thereof; and

(b) whether the Ministry has any specific data about business through e-commerce, mobile commerce, teleshopping and through online business module, if so, the segment-wise and year-wise details thereof for the last three years?

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

Increase in imports of rubber and spices

2088. SHRI C. P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports of rubber and spices during 2013-14 and 2014-15 exceeded exports, if so, by how much;