

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial production in February last year has registered a growth of two per cent;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is still a decline in sectors such as manufacturing and capital goods;

(c) the details of the rise and fall in industrial production registered during last three years; and

(d) the corrective steps taken by the Ministry to increase industrial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) The industrial production is measured in terms of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) released by Central Statistics Office (CSO) at the base 2004-05. The growth rate of IIP in February, 2015 was 4.8%. The Manufacturing sector and Capital goods registered growth of 5.1% and 8.3% respectively during February, 2015.

(c) The annual growth rate of IIP was 1.1 % in 2012-13, (-) 0.1 % in 2013-14 and 2.8 % in 2014-15.

(d) The Ministry is continuously taking a number of measures to boost industrial production. These *inter-alia*, include Startup India initiative as well as 'Make in India' programme under which 25 thrust sectors to provide a major push to manufacturing in India have been identified.

The steps taken to create ease of doing business include setting up of an Investor Facilitation Cell, launch of e-biz Portal and liberalising policy for industrial license for defence industries. The Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy and procedures have been simplified and liberalised progressively. For creation of state-of-art infrastructure, Government is implementing Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project. In addition, a number of other industrial corridor projects have been conceptualized.

Increase in manufacturing

†1126. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India held 9th position earlier in the manufacturing sector but now it has attained 6th position;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether there has been a considerable improvement in value addition of manufacturing in year 2015 in comparison to that in 2014 and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the UNIDO International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics 2016, the top ten manufacturers according to share in world Manufacturing Value Added (MVA), at 2010 Constant Prices (for year 2015) are 1. China 2. USA 3. Japan 4. Germany 5. Republic of Korea 6. India 7. Italy 8. France 9. Brazil 10. Indonesia.

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(c) Yes, Sir. The Manufacturing Sector Gross Value Added at Constant (2011-12) basic price has improved from ₹ 15,79,721 crore in 2013-14 to ₹ 16,67,069 crore in 2014-15, which is an increase of 5.5%, as per the press note on First revised estimates of National Income, Consumption Expenditure, Saving and Capital Formation 2014-15 released on 29th January 2016.

Seeking membership of APEC

1127. SHRI PAUL MANOJ PANDIAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India must enhance its trade diplomacy to gain access for trade from India;

(b) whether India needs to up its diplomatic ante to seek membership of the 21 member Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum; and

(c) whether Government is considering to take the APEC membership and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) India is engaged with various countries of interest for trade agreements to gain access for trade for Indian commodities/services.

(b) and (c) India had applied for membership of APEC in 1991 on the basis of its geographic location, potential size of the economy and degree of trade interaction with the Asia-Pacific. However, at the 5th APEC Leaders' meeting in Vancouver in