

- (iv) MPEDA is organizing 20th India International Seafood Show at Visakhapatnam from 23-25 September 2016, which is one of the biggest fisheries event in the world having conglomeration of exporters, processors, Aqua farmers, etc. from India and abroad.

**Impact of RCEP agreement on life saving drugs**

1031. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) trade agreement threatens access to affordable generic medicines for half the world's population by imposing strict intellectual property rules on generic medicines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken for increasing production of life saving affordable generic medicines in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) The Intellectual Property Right (IPR) chapter in the proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement has not yet been finalised.

(c) The National Pharmaceuticals Pricing Policy (NPPP), 2012 was notified on 7th December, 2012, with the objective to put in place a regulatory framework for pricing of drugs so as to ensure availability of required medicines—"essential medicines" at reasonable prices even while providing sufficient opportunity for innovation and competition to support the growth of pharma industry thereby meeting the goals of employment and shared economic well being for all.

**Subsidy for export of cow meat**

1032. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any subsidy is being provided for export of cow meat abroad; and
- (b) the list of specific subsidies being provided since 2012 for such export, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) No, Sir. As per the existing Foreign Trade Policy, export of beef (meat of cows, oxen and calf) is prohibited and not permitted to export.

- (b) Does not arise.