

Fall in contribution of manufacturing sector to GDP

9. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of manufacturing sector to GDP has been coming down drastically over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has any strategy to improve the contribution of manufacturing sector to GDP; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) No, Sir. After revision of base year of National Accounts from 2004-05 to 2011-12, share of different sectors is measured in terms of share in Gross Value Added (GVA). The share of GVA from manufacturing sector in total GVA at current prices was 16.5% in 2013-14, 16.1% in 2014-15 and 16.2% in 2015-16. The share of GVA has been hovering around 16% to 16.5% during last three years. However, it had witnessed an improvement from 2014-15 to 2015-16.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government has been taking steps to boost industrial production and growth. These *inter-alia*, include 'Make in India' initiative under which thrust sectors have been identified to provide a push to manufacturing in India, 'Startup India' initiative and 'Ease of Doing Business'. Steps taken to improve ease of doing business include simplification and rationalisation of existing rules and introduction of information technology, setting up of an Investor Facilitation Cell, launch of e-biz Portal and liberalising policy for industrial license for defence industries. Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy and Procedures have been simplified and liberalised progressively. Government has taken up a programme of building pentagon of industrial corridors across the country with an objective to provide developed land and quality infrastructure for development of industrial townships.

Trade imbalance with China

10. SHRI PARVEZ HASHMI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that trade imbalance between India and China has been a cause of concern;