

Success rate of 'Startup India'

1460. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the success rate of 'Startup India' in terms of manufacturing in the country;
- (b) whether 2015-16 has witnessed an increasing number of Startups shut down and whether Government incurred significant losses in terms of shut down of such Startups; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) The benefits/incentives under "Startup India" are available to all Startups recognized under the program, irrespective of their sector/industry. Accordingly, success rate of Startup India in terms of manufacturing in the country may not be directly ascertainable. The achievements of the Startup India program so far are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement Appended to the Answer to USQ No. 1437 (Part (c))].

(b) and (c) No data is available regarding the number of Startups which have been shut down in 2015-2016.

Impact of import of ceramic products on local manufacturers

1461. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the local ceramic manufacturers are suffering from import of ceramic products; and
- (b) what are the measures taken by the Central Government to protect local ceramic industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Import of ceramic products in the country is governed under para 2.03 of Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20). Ceramic products are freely importable as per 'Chapter 69' of "ITC (HS) Classification of Export and Import Items (2012)". Indian Council of Ceramic Tiles and Sanitaryware have informed that import of ceramic products particularly from China is adversely affecting growth of ceramic industries.

(b) Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) initiates anti-dumping investigations on the basis of a duly substantiated application filed