

logistics cost, skill development and adoption of technology. Programmes such as Make in India, Skill India, Start Up India and Ease of Doing Business have been undertaken. Steps taken to improve ease of doing business include simplification and rationalization of existing rules and introduction of information technology, setting up of an Investor Facilitation Cell and liberalizing policy for industrial licensing. Foreign Direct Investment policy and procedures have been simplified and liberalized 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.

Training police personnel on IPRs

*55. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to introduce a special course and impart training to the police personnel on Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) as the violation of IPRs are turning into a prime cause for criminal acts and diversion of funds for criminal and terrorist activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJJU): (a) to (c) Yes. The Government has recognized the need for imparting training to police personnel on Intellectual Property Rights. Accordingly, an advisory was issued to all States/UTs on 11.10.2017 to ensure that regular courses on Intellectual Property Rights for new recruits as well as in-service police personnel are introduced.

The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy also conducts training programmes on Intellectual Property Rights for officers from Police and Judicial services.

Archive of Indian Literature

†*56. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sahitya Akademi had rolled out in 1997 a project of Archive of Indian Literature with an objective of compiling and preserving the important material on writers and literature;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.