

a greenfield airport for public use near Jamshedpur in Jharkhand on 11.07.2012. However, the project proponent have not approached the Government for subsequent stage of approval namely, 'in principle' approval.

Growth of Startups in India

*220. SHRI JOSE K. MANI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Startups in India have seen a 108 per cent growth in funding in 2018;

(b) whether Government is aware that the NASSCOM president has remarked about Startups not receiving much support in India barring a few exceptions; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SURESH PRABHU):

(a) While funding of Startups in India has seen a rising trend in 2018, the data thereof is not centrally maintained.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

Import deals for supply of pulses

*221. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the soaring price of pulses during the year, 2016 resulted in the increase of acreage on the back of incentivisation by a higher Minimum Support Price (MSP) with technical intervention to ensure higher domestic production;

(b) whether those statistics pointing to over supply were completely ignored by Government and signed long-term import deals with other countries;

(c) whether for the first time this year, Government has allowed the miller, as opposed to the traders, to import pulses; and

(d) if so, what was the reason that necessitated Government to take such a decision for the first time?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SURESH PRABHU):

(a) and (b) India is the largest producer and consumer of pulses in the world. During the year 2015-16, despite efforts made by the Government to enhance production