

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government held discussions with all counterparts and States in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details of deliberations made in the meetings?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The draft National Logistics Policy was put in public domain for stakeholder consultation. The vision of the draft policy is to drive economic growth and business competitiveness of the country through an integrated seamless, efficient, reliable, green, sustainable and cost effective logistics network, leveraging best in class technology, processes and skilled manpower.

(c) and (d) Besides Inter-Ministerial Consultation, interaction on the draft National Logistics Policy was also done with other stakeholders. Over 450 suggestions were received on the policy. The relevant suggestions have been incorporated in the draft policy.

Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council

3081. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council has been playing an important role in promoting Indian pharmaceutical interests overseas;

(b) if so, the details of the products handled by the Council during the last five years; and

(c) the extent to which the Indian pharmaceutical industries have gained and extent to which foreign exchange was earned during the period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) was set up by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in 2004 with a mandate to promote pharmaceuticals exports and is playing the role of a facilitator in promoting exports of Indian pharmaceutical products. The products handled by Pharmexcil are Bulk drugs, Drug intermediates, Drug formulations, Biological Products, Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani products, Herbal products, Medicinal Plants, Homeopathic products, Nutraceuticals and Phytochemicals and Surgical Dressings.

(c) The Indian Pharmaceutical industry, through participation in various trade events, fairs etc., has been able to enhance its presence and exports of pharmaceutical products in countries across the world. The value of pharma exports during the last five years is as under:

India's Pharma exports for five years ending 2018-19

(In US \$ million)					
Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Pharmaceuticals Exports	15,433	16,912	16,785	17,281	19,134

Doubling of exports

†3082. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is seriously considering to double the exports;
- (b) if so, whether Government has taken any step in this regard, so far; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) India is on the threshold of a high growth trajectory with a distinct possibility of achieving a USD 5 trillion GDP by 2024. A key driver for India to achieve the USD 5 trillion-mark sooner would be boosting exports-both merchandise and services. Thus it will be critical to provide a renewed thrust on the External sector.

Government has taken a number of steps for promoting exports. These are:

I. Improvement in "Ease of doing business" and "Trading across border" rankings

With the initiation of the following measures and interventions, India's overall ranking in 'ease of doing business' has improved exponentially from 142 in 2014 to 77 in 2018.

- 'Trading across borders' ranking of India has also gone up from 122 in 2014 to 80 in 2018. A new five-year Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 was announced with Trade facilitation and enhancing ease of doing business as focus areas.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.