

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the smuggling of goods in the textiles, ready-made garments, cigarettes, machinery and parts and consumer electronics industries prevented India from adding over 16 lakh jobs in 2017-18 as per the above study;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether 11.35 lakh job opportunities were lost because of "backward linkage and multiplier effects" as finished products were smuggled in India; and

(f) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) to (f) Yes, Sir. The study is under examination.

Project announcements in India

1343. SHRI MANAS RANJAN BHUNIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new project announcements in India have declined to the lowest levels since mid 2004, if so, the sector-wise value of new project announcements for the last four years by both private and Government sectors;

(b) the sectors which are most affected; and

(c) the total stalled projects and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):

(a) to (c) Project Monitoring Group (PMG) is an institutional mechanism under this Department for resolving a variety of issues with a view to fasttrack the approvals for setting up and commissioning of large infrastructure projects. PMG does not monitor the new project announcements, but accepts new projects facing implementation bottlenecks such as delay in acquisition of land, grant of environment related clearances and other similar approvals by State and Central agencies. In accepting a project for resolution of its issues, PMG does not distinguish between a 'stalled' or an 'under implementation' project. Further, there is no prescribed criterion for classifying a project as a stalled project.