

World ranking in ease of doing business

3104. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the major reasons India could not come within first fifty countries in the World Bank rating, as was targeted, while it is looking for ` 5 trillion economy in a few years from now;

(b) whether Government is making more reforms to improve its world ranking in ease of doing business; and

(c) if so, the areas identified for reforms on a priority basis during 2020-21?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) In the latest Doing Business Report (DBR), 2020 released by the World Bank on 24th October, 2019, India stands at 63rd position out of 190 countries, registering a jump of 14 places from its last year's rank. India has improved its rank in 7 out of 10 indicators and has moved closer to international best practices. The DBR, 2020 acknowledges India as one of the top 10 improvers, third time in a row. India's rank has improved from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019, registering a jump of 79 ranks in last 5 years. The improvement in ranking is a continuous process and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is closely working with the concerned Ministries/Departments and Governments of Maharashtra and NCT of Delhi to implement the reforms and improve India's ranking.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. DPIIT prepared an Action Plan for Doing Business Report, 2021 identifying all the indicator-wise reforms along with their timelines for implementation and circulated the same to all the concerned Ministries/Departments/States/Agencies for implementation. Reforms have been identified in the areas of registration of new businesses, grant of construction permits, grant of new electricity connections, registration of immovable property purchased, facilitating faster international trade, faster disposal of commercial cases, resolving insolvency and implementation of international best practices. Further, workshops on some of the indicators were organized by DPIIT, in coordination with the World Bank team to understand the areas that require more attention. A number of outreach activities and stakeholders' consultation have been undertaken by DPIIT and all nodal Ministries/Departments.