

Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for promotion of domestic manufacturing of critical Key Starting Materials (KSMs)/Drug Intermediates (DIs) and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) In India" and (ii) "Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks". The guidelines of both the schemes were released on 27th July, 2020.

Shifting of base to India by MNCs

704. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of multinational companies of United States and other foreign companies have decided to shift their base from China to India during the last one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how much foreign investment has been received, so far, in the country, State-wise;

(c) how much new employment will be generated from such multinational companies in the country; and

(d) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for bringing more manufacturing industry in the country to boost economy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):
(a) to (c) Several multinational companies have evinced their interest to shift their base into India across different States in sectors such as Electronics, Retail, e-Commerce, Automotive, Food Processing, Textiles etc. However, due to sensitivity of information maintained by the companies, the reasons for relocation of operations are not explicitly spelt out. It has been seen that FDI inflows usually helps in augmenting domestic capital and promote employment opportunities across sectors. The FDI inflow from USA and other countries in the year 2019-20 had been USD 74.39 billion and for (April - July), 2020-21 (P) has been USD 16.26 billion.

(d) With a view to support and facilitate investments into India, the Government is working hard to institutionalize more investor friendly reforms. The Government has constituted an Empowered Group of Secretaries (EGoS) to provide support and facilitation to investors for investing in India and to boost growth in key sectors of the economy. EGoS shall identify potential investors/organizations, make recommendations to the Ministry/Department to promote investment, facilitate handholding of investors, examine

and suggest ways to attract more investment in greenfield projects. Project Development Cells (PDCs) are being set up in Ministries/Departments to fasttrack investments with coordination between Central Government Ministries and State Governments and thereby grow the pipeline of investment projects in India. The entire focus of the Government is to create an investment-friendly and business conducive ecosystem to drive investment growth in India. Several steps like Production Investment Schemes, GIS mapping of available land banks, issuance of Quality Control Orders to cut down cheap imports and many such measures have been put into place to attract further investment into the country.

Increase in imports of essential commodities

705. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage increase in imports of essential commodities for the months of March-August, 2020;

(b) the percentage decline in exports from India for the months of March-August, 2020; and

(c) the percentage increase in overall imports for the months of March-August, 2020?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL):
(a) to (c) The value of India's merchandise exports and imports and percentage change in them during the period March-August, 2020 over the period March-August, 2019 are given below:—

(Value in US\$ Billion)		
Period	Value of Export	Value of Import
March-August, 2019	165.86	254.11
March-August, 2020	119.07	149.54
% Change	-28.21	-41.15

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (Figures for the year 2020 are provisional)