

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1337**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021**

**IMPROVING EXPORT PREPAREDNESS AT THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL**

1337. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken by Central Government to improve export preparedness at the national and the regional level, including improving domestic competition, increasing domestic manufacturing and improving export competitiveness of goods and services, considering India's focus now to make it an export hub; and
- (b) the manner in which Central Government is planning to enhance trade in digital goods and services?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL )

(a) & (b): Government has taken the following measures to improve export preparedness at the national and regional level:

- 1) The mid-term review of the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) was carried out in December 2017 and corrective measures were undertaken.
- 2) The Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) has been extended upto 30-09-2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation.
- 3) The Interest Equalization Scheme on pre and post-shipment rupee export credit has also been extended upto 30-09-2021.

- 4) Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme and Rebate of State and Central Levies and Taxes (RoSCTL) Scheme have been launched with effect from 01.01.2021.
- 5) A Common Digital Platform for Certificate of Origin has been launched to facilitate trade and increase FTA utilization by exporters.
- 6) Promoting Districts as Export Hubs by identifying products and services with export potential in each district, addressing bottlenecks for exporting these products/services and supporting local exporters/manufacturers to generate employment in the district. District specific export action plans are being prepared in each District.
- 7) Role of Indian missions abroad towards promoting India's trade, tourism, technology and investment goals has been enhanced.
- 8) Package announced in light of the covid pandemic to support domestic industry through various banking and financial sector relief measures, especially for MSMEs, which constitute a major share in exports.
- 9) Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES), Market Access Initiatives (MAI) Scheme and Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA) schemes to promote trade infrastructure and marketing.

Some measures taken by Government to support trade of digital goods and services are as following:

- 1) IT/IT enabled services identified as one of the 12 Champion Services Sectors under the Champion Services Sector Scheme to promote broad based growth across a wide range of high potential services sectors.
- 2) Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme launched to attract investments and incentivize mobile phone, electronic component and IT Hardware manufacturing.
- 3) Modified Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMC 2.0) Scheme to provide support for creation of world class infrastructure.
- 4) Scheme for Promotion of Manufacturing of Electronic Components and Semiconductors (SPECS).

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