GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 757 ANSWERED ON 07/02/2024

RoDTEP

757. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government will extend the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP) scheme for goods sent abroad via courier and e-commerce channel from sectors such as gems and jewellery, pharma, leather, textiles and handicrafts;
- (b) whether it is also true that this will enable MSMEs to receive RoDTEP benefits, particularly for exports through courier and e-commerce and support exports worth one to two billion dollars a year;
- (c) whether it is also true that the country has huge potential for doing the same with its wide variety of products;
- (d) whether it is also true that the Government is considering to set up special e-commerce export zones to speed up customs clearances for couriers' goods; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (c) To further the export potential of Indian products particularly MSMEs through the e-commerce and courier mode, various promotional and facilitation measures are being taken by the Government. In continuation of the same, in-principle approval has also been granted for allowing RoDTEP benefit to export made through courier as well as postal mode for implementation in an end to end environment by Customs.
- (d) to (e) Foreign Trade Policy 2023 provides a framework for cross-border trade of goods and services from India in the digital economy and the promotion of e-commerce and other emerging channels of exports from India. Details on the e-commerce Export Hubs, which would act a centre for favorable business infrastructure and facilities for cross border e-commerce activities are outlined in Chapter 9 of this Policy.
