

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE**

**RAJYA SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 108.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**

**NEW FDI e-COMMERCE POLICY ON e-COMMERCE INDUSTRY**

**\*108. DR. SANJAY SINH:**

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

- (a) the steps that have been taken for the growth of e-commerce industry in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government is in the process of implementing new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) e-commerce policy;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any detailed study regarding impact of new FDI e-commerce policy on e-commerce industry has been made by Government before implementing the said policy; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI SURESH PRABHU)**

**(a) to (e):** A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 108 FOR ANSWER ON 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019.**

**(a):** For the growth of the e-Commerce sector, a conducive regulatory environment has been provided under the extant laws and regulations which grant legal recognition to entities in the sector. The Government of India in the Department of Commerce established a Think Tank on “Framework for National Policy on E-commerce” and a Task Force under it which deliberated on the challenges confronting India in the arena of the digital economy and electronic commerce (e-commerce). The first meeting of the Think Tank was held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2018. The Think Tank was further sub-divided into various sub-groups, comprising representation at the technical level from the government, industry and experts with domain knowledge. Suggestions were also received from stakeholders. Subsequently, a sectoral group of secretaries (SGoS) has been formed to deliberate on, and find possible solution to cross-cutting issues facing the e-commerce industry.

**(b)&(c):** (i) In order to provide further clarity to FDI policy on e-Commerce and to ensure due compliance of the FDI policy in this sector, Press Note 2 (2018) has been issued. There has been no change in FDI Policy on e-Commerce.

(ii) The FDI policy on e-Commerce was pronounced through Press Note 2 of 2000. With a view to provide clarity to the extant policy and after extensive stakeholder consultation, guidelines for FDI in e-Commerce were issued vide Press Note 3 (2016). Press Note 2 (2018) provides further clarity in the matter. The said Press Note 2 (2018) has been notified vide RBI Notification No. FEMA.20(R)(6)/2019-RB dated 31.01.2019 and is effective from 01.02.2019. The Policy is hence enforced by the RBI and the Enforcement Directorate

**(d)&(e):** Since there is no change in policy, does not arise.

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