

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF EXPENDITURE REFORM COMMISSION
ALE NARENDRA

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

- (a) whether Expenditure Reforms Commission has given certain suggestions regarding DGFT and also on Export-Import Policy of the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have prepared any action plan to implement these suggestions;
- (d) if so, the outlines of the action plan; and
- (e) the date from which it is proposed to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) In respect of DGFT, the Expenditure Reforms Commission has suggested expediting the staffing study which was being conducted by Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad to reassess the staff strength. They also recommended that the Staff Inspection Unit (SIU) should concurrently be entrusted this task. ERC also suggested that Government should examine whether the task of grant of Advance Licence could be vested in the Customs Department. The responsibility for fixing the input-output norms in consultation with the other Ministries as also the policy issues could however continue to remain with the Department of Commerce.

ASCI have been advised to expedite their final report. Concurrently, the SIU have also been assigned the staffing study of DGFT.