

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

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DUTY ENTITLEMENT PASSBOOK SCHEME
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a lot of pressure from WTO and European Union to scrap Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the alternate steps proposed by the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b) No Sir.

(c) A new export facilitation Scheme is being considered to replace Duty Entitlement Pass Book Scheme in consultation with the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation/Economic Law Practice. This aims to neutralize specified un-refunded duties and levies. Inter-ministerial consultations are in progress to finalise the details of the Scheme.