

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE FOR EXPORTERS
Barad Shri Jashubhai Dhanabhai

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up any Committee to simplify the procedures and rules for exporters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (d) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee; and
- (e) the time by which the recommendations of the Committee are likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of the Director General of Foreign Trade to look into the aspects of procedural simplification. The Committee also included the Members from the Department of Revenue, National Informatics Centre, Indian Bank Association and Apex Bodies viz. ASSOCHAM, CII, FICCI and FIEO.

(c) & (d) The Committee has since submitted its report and has in general terms also suggested need for procedural simplification in the form of reduction in the number of documents, number of application forms as well as volume of information sought from the Exporters. The report emphasizes the need to facilitate web enabled retrieval of such documents by all community partners. It has also recommended that all the concerned Departments should update their EDI set up at the earliest.

(e) Electronic Data Interchange between Customs and Department of Commerce is being updated continuously and online filing without the requirement of submission of hard copies for claiming various benefits under FTP is being introduced. Implementation of other general recommendations relating to reduction of documentation is being done on a continuous basis in consultation with other stake holders and is brought out in the annual document viz. Hand Book of Procedures Vol.I which is kept readily available and updated on the DGFT website.