

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3900
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MATCH INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government proposes to remove the Match Industry from the list of Small Scale Industry;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore;
- (c): whether the Government proposes to change the present excise duty structure levied on Match Industry;
- (d): if so, the details thereof;
- (e): whether the Government proposes to permit the multinational Indian Tobacco Company to market their products in India vying with matches produced in Small Scale Sector;
- (f): if so, the details thereof;
- (g): whether the Government proposes to increase export subsidy for matches produced under Small Scale Sector; and
- (h): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

- (a)&(b): Review of the products in the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in SSI (manufacturing micro and small enterprises) is a continuous process. As on date, there is no proposal to de-reserve the match industry.
- (c)&(d): At present there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to make any change in excise duty structure on matches.
- (e)&(f): The policy of reservation for exclusive manufacture in SSI sector does not stipulate any prohibition on trading/marketing of the products included in the list of items reserved for exclusive manufacture in SSI sector.
- (g)&(h): There is no such proposal.