

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that due to globalisation and OGL policy of the Government, many Indian industries including small scale industries have been closed or are on the verge of closure, leaving hundreds of labourers, traders and farmers jobless in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and the number of such matters reported during the last three years so far;
- (c) the number of persons rendered jobless as a result thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to compensate/rehabilitate these small farmers, labourers and traders; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)to(e) The Government has been following the policy of liberalization of trade since 1991. Globalization is an international phenomenon and essentially contributes to coherence and consistency among trade and economic policies for maximizing the contribution of such policies for development of the country.

The industry sector of the Indian economy has shown a consistently increasing growth rate over a period of last five years.

Subsequent to removal of quantitative restriction on imports, the Government has put in place a suitable mechanism for monitoring the import of sensitive items. Protection to domestic producers including farmers is provided by resorting to various WTO compatible measures which include calibrations of applied tariff within bound levels and safeguard action under specified circumstances. Further, the Government has also implemented a number of development programmes to increase the competitiveness of the Indian Industry including the farmers and labourers. Some of these programmes include introduction of improved availability of inputs including water, credit and fertilizers, price support through the minimum support price Scheme, Market Intervention Scheme, National Rural Employment Guarantee programme etc.