

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

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

- (a) the approximate number of diamond processing industries located in the country, State-wise ;
- (b) whether the number of diamond processing units have suffered huge losses and were washed away due to this year's heavy rain and flood in various parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has provided any assistance to those industries which have suffered huge losses;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a)To the extent information is available; there are 9,500 diamond processing units in the country, mainly located in Surat, Ahemedabad-Palanpur belt and Bhavnagar-Rajkot belt of Gujarat.
- (b)&(c):The recent floods have affected Gem & Jewellery units of Surat.
- (d)to(f):A relief package to assist flood affected gems and jewellery units of Surat is under the consideration of Government of India.