

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EXTERNAL COMMERCIAL BORROWING
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is contemplating policy review to raise the present External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) ceiling through the automatic route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Ministry has written to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for relaxing ECB restrictions in some cases; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and final decision taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) & (b): No Sir.

(c) & (d): During the last one year, taking into account the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the Government wrote to the Reserve Bank of India for relaxation in ECB norms for Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).