

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

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COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the trading and commercial activities in and around the border towns of North East States including Moreh (Manipur) and convert it into a Free Trade Zone; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) With a view to provide adequate infrastructure for cross border movement of persons, vehicles and goods which will facilitate trade and commercial activities, Government has decided in-principle to set up 13 Integrated Check Posts (ICPs) including an ICP at Moreh on India-Myanmar border.

(b) Besides the ICPs, which will facilitate formal trade, Government also has the concept of setting up of 'Border Haats' in North Eastern States in consultation with concerned countries to allow limited exchange of local goods without import/export tax.