

Sixteenth Lok Sabha

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Title: Regarding setting up of a warehousing hub at Ambala, Haryana.

SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA (AMBALA): I would like to draw the kind notice of Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution towards the fact that a GST unified Ambala has a great potential to set up majestic warehousing hub in Ambala Lok Sabha Constituency, Haryana. Ambala is well-connected to G.T Road, has best Railway facilities and having international airport at Mohali.

A huge investment infrastructure may play a significant role as large planned investment such as Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) in road, rails and airway across India will bolster trade and consequently raise warehousing demand. Investment in infrastructure in Ambala will reduce the pressure on Delhi and N.C.R Region. Kalka in my Lok Sabha constituency is the gateway of Himachal Pradesh and at present all the fruits and vegetables are supplied to Delhi and if Ambala becomes a warehousing hub, then we can prevent routing of Fruits and Vegetables.

This warehousing hub may include a hub from Yamuna Nagar to Ambala, Panchkula to Ambala, Chandigarh to Ambala, Patiala to Ambala. Ambala is also a Centre place of G.T Road for Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, western Uttar Pradesh. As the price of land is going up in Delhi and N.C.R region, it is becoming very difficult to set up infrastructure in this region. Consumption led demand for warehousing is likely to grow at fast pace. The advent of e-tailing in the past few years has necessitated the need for setting up of huge warehouse close to urban centres in order to deliver in the shortest possible time.

Leading e-commerce players in India and players such as Amazon, Flipkart and Snapdeal have been expanding their network of warehouse or fulfilment centre to speed up

their delivery and stay ahead of the competition.

I, therefore, demand to make Ambala a warehousing hub.