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DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

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Technological sophistication for manufacturing sector

1346. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether country's manufacturing sector needs to acquire dynamism and technological sophistication to become one of the leading manufacturers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof: and
- (c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES
(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): India has been traditionally importing technology as the country lacks global level of competitiveness in product designing and manufacturing. Technology development and product upgradation are critical in attaining global level of competitiveness. Availability of high level technologies has been a constraint on the growth of the Indian manufacturing sector.

(c): The Government has brought out National Manufacturing Policy with a view to increase domestic value addition and technological depth in manufacturing with appropriate policy support to enhance global competitiveness of Indian manufacturing. Measures like financial and institutional mechanisms for technology acquisition and development have been detailed in the Manufacturing Policy. The Policy provides for government procurement to be used as a policy instrument for strengthening manufacturing industry and development of technological competence by putting emphasis on local value addition. A Manufacturing Plan has been prepared in support of technology and depth in manufacturing in the 12th Five Year Plan. The Government has encouraged technological sophistication by providing free access to import of technology and allowing 100% Foreign Direct Investment.

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