

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1999**  
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**IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT E-MARKETPLACE**

**1999            SHRI DEREK O. BRIEN:**

Will the Minister of ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of implementation of the Government e-Marketplace under digital India; and
- (b) whether the Ministry is planning to come up with a policy for exports of electronic products?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY)

(a): The Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has been developed as a one-stop online marketplace of common use goods and services for procurement by Government buyers. It aims to make public procurement more transparent and efficient. GeM has been developed by Directorate General of Supplies and Disposal (DGS&D) with technical support of National e-Governance Division (NeGD), MeitY. The portal was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2016. Presently, there are about 2938 products, 1040 Government buyers and 1234 sellers. The addition of products, services and functionalities on GeM is being continuously done and is an on-going process.

(b): No, Sir. However, there are various schemes/ benefits under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 (FTP 2015-20) to support the export of electronic products. These schemes/benefits are summarised below:

- (i) The **Merchandise Exports from India scheme (MEIS)** has been introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015. MEIS aims to incentivize export of merchandise, including products of electronics sector, which are produced/ manufactured in India. Exports of notified goods/products with Indian Trade Clarification based on Harmonized System of Coding - ITC(HS) code, are rewarded under MEIS. The basis of calculation of reward is on realized Free On Board (FOB) value of exports in free foreign exchange at the rate of 2%, 3% or 5% depending upon the tariff lines.
- (ii) The **Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme** provides import of Capital Goods at zero custom duty subject to export obligation equivalent to 6 times of duty saved, to be fulfilled in 6 years from the date of issue of authorization.
- (iii) The scheme of **Export Oriented Units (EOUs), Electronic Hardware Technology Park (EHTP), Software Technology Park (STP)** also provides export promotion by providing duty free access to inputs and capital goods with condition of achieving positive foreign exchange calculated cumulatively in block of five years.
- (iv) **Duty Free scheme** provides duty free imports of inputs for export production as per the Standard Input Output Norms (SION). The scheme allows duty free import of inputs, which are

physically incorporated in exporting products with the condition that minimum value addition of 15% is required to be achieved in free foreign exchange.

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