

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *285
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2020**

**CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEE TO BOOST ELECTRONICS
SECTOR**

***285. SHRI C.M. RAMESH:**

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to constitute a high powered Committee to boost the electronics sector in the country, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether there is stagnation and slowdown in the electronics sector during the last two years, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)**

- (a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO RAJYA SABHA
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(a): A high-level Committee under the Chairmanship of CEO, NITI Aayog, comprising of Finance Secretary; Commerce Secretary; Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT); Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Senior Adviser, NITI Aayog was constituted to deliberate and make recommendations on making India a manufacturing hub for electronics.

Based on the deliberations of the aforesaid high-level Committee and an inter-ministerial sub-committee constituted thereafter, a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme is being formulated to promote large scale electronics manufacturing in target segments, namely, mobile phones and specified electronic components.

(b): There has not been any stagnation and slowdown in the electronics sector during the last two years. The Government attaches high priority to electronics hardware manufacturing and it is one of the important pillars of both “Make in India” and “Digital India” programmes. As a result of several initiatives and pro-growth policies undertaken by the Government and efforts of the industry, India’s electronics production has increased from INR 1,90,366 crore in 2014-15 to INR 4,58,006 crore in 2018-19, at a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of about 25%. Domestic electronics manufacturing is on a growth path.

- India has emerged as the 2nd largest manufacturer of mobile handsets in the world in volume terms.
- Over 260 units are manufacturing cellular mobile phones and parts / components thereof in the country, up from only 2 units in 2014.
- In volume terms, production of cellular mobile handsets has gone up from 6 crore units in 2014-15 to 29 crore units in 2018-19.
- No. of LED lights manufacturing units has gone up from 10 to 128 units.
- As per industry estimates, electronics manufacturing has generated employment for over 20 lakh persons across the country. Employment in Mobile Electronics manufacturing segment is around 6.3 lakhs.

The production, exports and imports of electronic goods during the last 5 years is as under:
(Values in INR crore)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
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Production*	1,90,366	2,43,263	3,17,331	3,88,306	4,58,006
Imports**	2,29,615	2,68,105	2,87,559	3,40,901	4,01,458
Exports**	38,263	39,064	39,980	41,220	61,908

* *Source: MeitY Annual Report 2018-19*

** *Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S)*
