GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1543

ANSWERED ON-23.07.2014

Impact of import of solar power equipments from China

1543. Dr. Prabhakar Kore

a) whether it is a fact that the import of solar power equipments mainly from China and Taiwan is adversely affecting the domestic solar power equipment manufacturing industry; and

b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect the domestic solar power equipment manufacturing industry?

ANSWER

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

(a) The Designated Authority (Director General of Antidumping & Allied Duties) in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in its findings dated 22.5.2014 has stated that
i. Solar Cells, Modules or Panels, Thin Films (hereinafter referred to as 'subject goods') have been exported to India from China PR, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia and USA (hereinafter referred to as 'subject countries') below its normal value, thus resulting in dumping of the subject goods;

ii. The domestic industry represented by Indian Solar Manufacturers Association (ISMA) has suffered material injury due to dumping of the subject goods; and

iii. The material injury has been caused to the domestic industry by the dumped imports of the subject goods originating in or exported from China PR, Chinese Taipei, Malaysia and USA.

The Designated Authority has further stated in its findings that having established positive dumping margin as well as material injury to the domestic industry caused by such dumped imports, imposition of definitive anti-dumping duty is required to offset dumping and injury. The Designated Authority has recommended to the Government for imposition of definitive anti-dumping duties ranging from US$ 0.11 per watt to US$ 0.81 per watt on the imports of the subject goods from subject countries.

(b) The above recommendations of the Designated Authority are under the consideration of the Ministry of Finance, Government of India.
*****