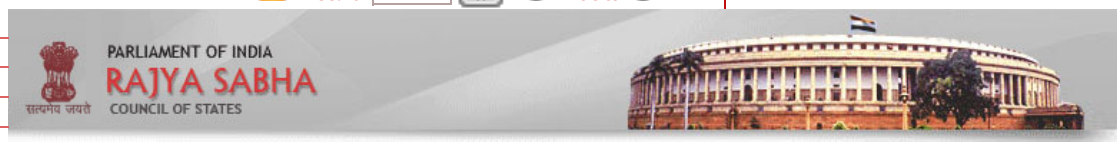

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Five year trade programme with China

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(a) whether India and China have signed five year trade programme to develop trade in the spirit of mutual benefit;
(b) if so, what is the progress of this policy, especially to increase bilateral trade in services IT and IT enabled services; and
(c) whether number of mandatory documents required for exports and imports have been reduced for trade facilitation and ease of doing business, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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(a): Yes sir.
b): Government of India has been taking continuous and sustained steps to achieve the objectives of Five Year Development Program. In the services sector three meetings of India – China Joint Working Group (JWG) on 'Trade in Services" have been held, with the last meeting being held in September 2017.
In IT & IT enabled Services sector, an MoU between the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Republic of India and Ministry of Industry and Information Technology of the People's Republic of China was signed in 2014 for promoting ICT cooperation and developing long term and sustainable mechanism in view to promoting IT-ITeS trade between both the countries. Recently, under the framework of 5th India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue, the working Group on High-Tech was held on 13th April 2018, in Beijing, wherein both sides reviewed the progress made on co-operation in High Tech sector, and expressed satisfaction on the

progress made on the Action Plan signed on "Digital India and Internet Plus Co-operation". Both the sides discussed the opportunities in the area of Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM), Digital India and internet Plus, cooperation in the emerging area such as Internet of Things (IoT) , Big Data, Data Analytics, Robotics etc.
In the recent years, with the advent of Digital, there has been focussed effort by Industry body NASSCOM to promote cooperation between Chinese Hardware companies and Indian software companies to co-develop for the Global markets. Efforts of NASSCOM have yielded some results where it has signed couple of deals with Municipal Govt of Dalian and Guiyang city to establish a collaborative platform that would promote cooperation between Chinese companies and Indian companies.
(c) Yes sir, the number of mandatory documents required for exports and imports have been reduced to three, vide DGFT notification date 12.03.2015.
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