GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3098 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2020

EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS ON INDO -CHINA TRADE AND COMMERCE

3098. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has assessed the likely effect of Coronavirus (COVID -19) on Indo-China trade and commerce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the precautionary measures being taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): The outbreak of Corona Virus in China has led to restrictions on movement of people and business activities in many provinces of China, in order to control the spread of virus. Disruption in business activities in China may have an impact on Indian industries such as pharmaceuticals, automobile and electronics industries, which depend on China for supplies of raw materials, components or intermediate items.

The Government has taken the initiative to sensitize the Export Promotion Councils / Trade Bodies and our overseas Missions on the likely disruptions in supply chains and put the Export Promotion Councils in contact with our overseas Missions to explore alternate sources / markets in those countries
