**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 322.**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019.**

**SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO DRAFT NATIONAL e-COMMERCE POLICY**

**322. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:**

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

(a) whether the Ministry has constituted a special Task Force to draft national e-commerce policy, if so, the details thereof

(b) if so, the minute-wise details and agenda of the meetings and discussions held by Task Force; and

(c) whether any member from civil society was included in the Task Force, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

**(a) & (b):**  A Think Tank on ‘Framework for National Policy on e-Commerce’ was constituted by Department of Commerce and a Task Force under the Think Tank was set up for preparing recommendations for India’s National Policy on e-Commerce. The Think Tank was further sub-divided into various sub-groups. These sub-groups met during 20th – 22nd June, 2018 and discussed wide ranging issues such as cross border data flows; taxation; trade facilitation and logistics; consumer confidence; Intellectual Property Rights and future technology; Foreign Direct Investment and competition issues etc.

The Task Force in its meeting considered cross-cutting issues. Participation from Ministries/ Departments involved in various aspects of e-commerce was requested for the Task Force meeting to finalise the draft recommendations emerging from the sub-group meetings. The deliberations of the Task Force and the sub-groups were summarized into the sub-groups reports, which further fed into the draft recommendations.

**(c):** The Task Force involved representation from the Government, Industry and experts with domain knowledge.

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