

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2132 (H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

**CONDITIONS DILUTING INDIAN INTERESTS UNDER RCEP**

2132(H). SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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

- (a) the details of conditions diluting the Indian interests under Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement; and
- (b) whether Government has protected the interests of farmers, micro, small and medium enterprises, textiles industry, dairy, drugs and chemical industries by rejecting the said agreement, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (b): During the 3<sup>rd</sup> RCEP Leaders Summit which was held on 4 November, 2019 in Bangkok, India stated that the current structure of RCEP did not reflect the RCEP Guiding Principles or address the outstanding issues and concerns of India, in the light of which India did not join consensus. The Government has held regular stakeholders' consultations with and received inputs from the domestic industry, exporters, trade experts, concerned Ministries/Departments and State Governments. These inputs were taken into consideration while formulating India's position in the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations, with a view to achieving balanced outcomes, balancing ambitions with addressing domestic sensitivities including that of farmers, micro, small and medium enterprises, textiles industry, dairy, drugs and chemical industries.

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