

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 167.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 30TH JULY, 2018.**

STALLS OF GI PRODUCTS

***167. SHRI G. HARI:**

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering a policy to set up stalls of Geographical Indication (GI) Products at all the airports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that a Geographical Indication is primarily an agricultural, natural or a manufactured product originating from a definite geographical territory; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री सुरेश प्रभु)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SURESH PRABHU)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 167 FOR ANSWER ON 30.07.2018.

(a) & (b): The Government has undertaken several steps as part of the campaign for promotion of Indian products registered as Geographical Indications (GIs) as per the provisions of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999. These include, inter alia, participation in events to promote and create awareness on GIs, promotion of GIs through social media, involving State Governments and Union Territory Administration. The Government has also approached Airport Authority of India for promotion of registered GI products through exhibits and sale at airports.

(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. As per the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, goods, with respect to which GIs are registered, means any agricultural, natural or manufactured goods or any goods of handicrafts or of industry and includes food stuff. As on 20.07.2018, the category-wise number of registered GIs is as below: -

Classification of GI as per Section 2 (f)	Registered GIs
Agricultural	89
Food Stuff	13
Manufactured	19
Handicraft	198
Natural Goods	1
Total	320
