



Press Release

**Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce**

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The Department Related Parliamentary standing Committee on Commerce of Rajya Sabha, under the Chairmanship of **Dr. Chandan Mitra, MP**, presented its **Hundred and Twenty Second Report on Ease of Doing business** to the House on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2015.

1.1 The Chairman, DRSC on Commerce had constituted a Sub-Committee on Ease of Doing Business on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2015 specifically to examine various issues involved and to suggest changes so as India improves its 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings and attains a rank within the top 50 Countries by the year 2017.

1.2 The Sub-Committee recorded the views of the representatives of the DIPP and all other connected Ministries viz. CBDT, CBEC, D/o Commerce, DGFT, Financial Services, Reserve Bank of India, Economic Affairs, Corporate Affairs, Law & Justice, Environment, Land Resources, Labour, Power, Civil Aviation & Shipping and State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Punjab and gathered valuable inputs on the subject.

1.3 The Sub-Committee considered and adopted its draft report, at its sitting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 and thereafter the main Committee considered and adopted the Report on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

2. The Committee in its Report observed that the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during the launch of 'Make in India' initiative on 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 had made an announcement that the Government of India shall be bringing increased transparency in its decision making and would push for Ease of Doing Business so that India occupies a rank within the top 50 countries in the Ease of Doing Business evaluation done by the World Bank. When this Sub Committee took up the task of looking at the various matrices of rankings in the World Bank study, India was ranked at 142<sup>nd</sup> position amongst 189 nations in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Study-2015. Except for two parameters (Getting Credit and Protecting Minority Investors) India did not even feature in the top 100 in the remaining parameters. For two parameters viz. 'Dealing with Construction Permits' and 'Enforcing Contracts', India ranked in the bottom 10 economies.

2.1 The Committee noted that the World Bank's Doing Business Report took the cities of Mumbai and Delhi as the focus areas and evaluated their performance on ten indicators with a comparative ranking on each of the parameters in comparison to other countries around the World. The ten indicators are:

- (i) Starting a Business
- (ii) Dealing with Construction Permits

