Ministry of Commerce & Industry

First meeting of e-Commerce Task Force held

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Commerce Secretary, Rita Teaotia, chaired the first meeting of the Task Force on e-commerce in New Delhi today. The meeting deliberated upon the suggestions emerging from the sub-group meetings held during $20^{\text{th}} - 22^{\text{nd}}$ June, 2018. The suggestions were on wide ranging issues such as cross border data flows, taxation, trade facilitation and logistics, consumer confidence, IPR and future tech, FDI and competition issues.

The sub-groups saw participation from various ministries and departments, high level representatives from the industry bodies, e-commerce companies, telecommunication and IT companies and independent experts.

It was decided to set up a Task Force in the first meeting of the Think Tank, on the framework for national policy on e-commerce, held on 24th April 2018, under the chairmanship of Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation. The Task Force was further divided into nine sub-groups for preparing recommendations for India's national policy on e-commerce.

In today's meeting senior officers of the Ministries of MSME, Consumer Affairs, Electronics and Information Technology, Corporate Affairs and Department of Telecommunications, Competition Commission of India and DGFT were present.

The suggestions emerging from the Task Force meeting held today will be submitted to the Think Tank for consideration.

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