**Agenda Note**

1 In RCEP negotiations on ROO, for 48 tariff lines, the decision is pending because of divergent view taken by India (Please refer to Annex II for details). All other 15 RCEP Participating Countries have agreed. Concerned Stakeholders are requested to confirm as to why India should not agree with the majority with valid technical reasoning. It may be noted that if no valid reason is given then India would have to accept the majority view, as these lines would be finalised in the next round of meeting to be held from 2nd December, 2016.

2. Alternative approaches to expedite PSR negotiations under RCEP SWG ROO.

* If in RCEP negotiations due to paucity of time Member Countries decide not to have PSR for certain Chapters/tariff lines & opt for common rule then what should be India’s stand?

**Possible Options**

1. Give a list of extremely sensitive items where India will push for our proposals irrespective of opposition from other Countries. (This proposal should be based on important factors like large employment, aggressive commercial interest, domestic capacity etc.)
2. For other tariff lines, which are not trade sensitive, the possibility of switching over to CTH/CTSH/RVC 40 as a general rule.