

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FAIR
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Social Development Fair, 2000 under India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO) was organised in New Delhi from May, 15 to 21 this year;
- (b) if so, the aims of said fair and the extent to which these have been achieved ;
- (c) whether wide range of products manufactured by socially under-privileged were on display and for in the fair; and
- (d) if so, the extent to which these products have got business ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Social Development Fair, 2000 was organised to integrate the endeavours of the Government, multilateral agencies, non-governmental organisations and others on issues relating to social development and community welfare. More specifically, the aim of the fair was to bring under a single umbrella, the multiple issues of social and community development, such as, empowerment of women, gender equality, health concerns including reproductive and child health, youth and adolescence, literacy and education, urban growth and poverty, local self-government and rural development, street working children, population stablization and development, HIV and AIDS, drugs and narcotics, environmental issues etc. viewed within the context of economic liberalization and sustained human development.

(c) Yes sir.

(d) It is not possible to indicate the quantum of business generated in the fair. However, about 95% of participants expressed satisfaction on the results achieved at the fair.