

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

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ASIAN LABOUR MINISTERS CONFERENCE
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Asian Labour Ministers` Conference held in May, 2001 in Kualalampur has inter alia urged the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to review its supervisory mechanism;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of other issues discussed in the said Conference indicating the decisions arrived at; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (d) The 15th ASEAN (not Asian) Labour Ministers` Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur on 10-11 May, 2001 supported the call by the Asia and Pacific Group (of which India is a member) for areview of the ILOsupervisory mechanisms, particularly regarding transparency and objectivity of the criteria for selection of members of supervisory bodies, selection of individual cases in Committee of Experts on Application of Standards, and the Interpretation of Compliance with ratified conventions. The other issues discussed by the meeting included impact of the global economic slowdown in ASEAN countries, East Asia Cooperation, the proposed Philippines initiatives on common recognition of Professions in ASEAN etc.