

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT VENTURES BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has expressed its keenness to extensively participate in the joint ventures in India;
- (b) whether China has proposed to make itself and the ASEAN as a free trade zone with a view to ensure that the rules of World Trade Organisation are not tilted against the developing world;
- (c) whether any mutual consultations have been held in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) China has interacted with some of the ASEAN nations about creating a China-ASEAN free trade block by 2010.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.