

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

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INDIAN DELEGATION TO WTO MINISTERIAL MEETING
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the official Indian delegation to the 4th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) held in Doha, Qatar, during 9th to 13th November, 2001 included non-official delegates also;
- (b) if so, the criteria for including non-officials into the official delegation; and
- (c) the names and organisations represented by those non-officials?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) : The decisions adopted at the WTO Conference have a bearing on the trade & industry of a member country. In order to ensure that our concerns are appropriately presented and appreciated by other Members, the Government decided to include up to two representatives each from the Apex Industry Associations namely Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), and The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in the official Indian Delegation to Fourth Ministerial Conference of the WTO. The representatives of the Industry were also included in the Official Indian Delegation to the Third Ministerial Conference of the WTO held at Seattle in 1999. The entire cost in respect of the Industry representatives for attending the Conference was, however, to be borne by them. The representatives of the Industry were decided in consultation with them. The following representatives from the Indian Industry finally attended the Fourth Ministerial Conference of the WTO held at Doha as a part of the Official Indian Delegation:-

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)

1. Dr. Amit Mitra, Secretary General, FICCI
2. Shri A.S.Kasliwal, FICCI

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Shri R. Seshasayee, Chairman, CII, International Trade Committee

The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

1. Shri Jayant Bhuyan, Secretary General , ASSOCHAM
2. Shri Arvind Jolly, ASSOCHAM (Indian Merchants Association)