GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7389
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
INDIA-EU TROIKA MEETING
C. SREENIVAASAN; CHANDRESH PATEL KORDIA; GADDE RAMAMOHAN; M.H. AMBAREESH; M.V.V.S MURTH; PRAKASH V. PATIL; PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and EU Troika held a meeting in New Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, the points which were discussed in the meeting and the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether India and EU have discussed enhancement of trade between India and EU countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a)&b) Yes, Sir. The India-EU Senior Officials Meeting took place in New Delhi on 2nd May 2002The fight against terrorism was the first item on the agenda. The two sides also reviewed India-EU bilateral relations, preparations for the Third India-EU Summit to be held in Copenhagen on 10-11 October 2002, and regional and international issues of mutual concern.

c)&d) Measures to enhance trade and business interaction figured in the discussions, including the identification of obstacles, such as lack of market access and anti-dumping measures imposed on India by the EU.Wide participation in the forthcoming India-EU Business Summit in Copenhagen was emphasized by both sides.