

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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JOINT WORKING GROUP FOR INDUSTRIAL GROWTH
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to form a joint working group for regular interaction to remove impediments to industrial growth ;
- (b) If so, whether the Government are also considering grant of price preference to domestic industry in accordance with the provisions of the World Trade Organisation; and
- (c) if so, the concrete steps worked out in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) : The Government monitors industrial growth through various advisory and development councils such as Prime Ministers` Council on Trade and Industry and other working Groups constituted for specific segments of the industry from time to time. An inter-ministerial Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary, Heavy Industry has been recently constituted to coordinate matters relating to development of capital goods industry.

(b) and (c): A purchase preference scheme for public sector units already exists. Price preference for domestic industry vis-À-vis imports is provided by imposition of customs duty, which is WTO compatible.