

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

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INDIAN TRADE ORGANISATION .

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

(a) whether the National Commission on Farmers in its report 'Serving Farmers and Saving Farmers-2006: Year of Agriculture Renewal' has recommended for setting up of an Indian Trade Organisation setting (ITO) on the model of the World Trade Organisation:

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): The Government has received a recommendation from the National Commission on Farmers in its third interim report in January, 2006 for the establishment of an Indian Trade Organisation (ITO). It is, inter alia, envisaged to serve as a brain and information bank for enabling Government to take informed and proactive decisions and providing timely advice on potential surpluses and shortages of major agriculture commodities by maintaining a trade watch.

(c): The recommendations are being examined by the Government and a decision will be taken in due course.