

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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CORE GROUP ON NON- AGRICULTURE MARKET  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has formed a Core Group on Non-Agriculture Market` with developing countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the objectives of this group;
- (c) the extent to which this group would help in evolving a common programme on agriculture marketing access;
- (d) whether this group has already submitted its report; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (b): At the 6th WTO Ministerial Conference at Hong Kong, a Group of 11 developing countries came together on the issues being discussed in the non agricultural market access (NAMA) negotiations. The Group has submitted joint papers and taken common negotiating positions on the issues of concern for developing countries in NAMA with an objective of ensuring development friendly results from the entire Doha Round of negotiations.
- (c) : The Group of countries are consulting each other only on various NAMA issues of their Mutual interest to forge common negotiating positions.
- (d) to (e) : Since the negotiations are ongoing the process of formulating common positions is dynamic and there is no static position or report of the Group.