

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

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WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

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

- (a) whether India has participated in the World Economic Forum's annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the outcome of the meeting held in Davos?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum(WEF) was held in Davos, Switzerland, on 24-28th January, 2007, which brought together 2,400 business, political and civil society leaders to deliberate on the theme 'The Shifting Power Equation' that reflected the elements that would shape the global agenda in 2007. The Indian delegation to the Meeting consisted of Shri Kamal Nath, Commerce & Industry Minister, Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Minister of State for Industry and officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, besides many senior businessmen. India was able to highlight the potential of investment in many important segments and sectors of the Indian economy and also expressed its views on various global issues which were discussed at Davos through Indian speakers addressing several sessions.