

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

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FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH GULF ARAB COUNTRIES

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

- (a) whether the India and Gulf Arab countries have made any Free Trade Agreement in a recently held conference at Muscat;
- (b) if so, the details of agreements signed between India and each of the Gulf Arab countries with regard to special investments in the infrastructure sector in India; and
- (c) the extent to which these agreements will further help in improving the present status?

Answer

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

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) No agreement on investment was signed with Gulf countries during the Conference.
- (c) Question does not arise.