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

- (a) whether a team from the Ministry of Commerce has visited foreign countries recently;
- (b) if so, the details of countries visited alongwith the objectives of such visit;
- (c) whether this team had visited the locations of Special Economic Zones(SEZs); and
- (d) if so, the details of the outcome of the visit?

Answer

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

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d): Officials from Department of Commerce and Department of Revenue visited Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Singapore, Thailand and China. The main objective of the visit was to understand the legal and conceptual framework of SEZs in these countries. The team got to know the differences in concept and objectives of the SEZs in these countries, specially in China and got first hand experience of functioning of these SEZs.