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TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

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

- (a) whether important trade related negotiations among the G-4 countries have failed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the G-4 countries in this regard;
- (d) whether the Indian Industry has expressed concern over the latest communication from the World Trade Organisation(WTO), particularly on issues relating to special products, domestic support and market access of farm products;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the reaction of the Government thereon and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(c) : The Trade Ministers of the G-4 countries (India, Brazil, the US and the EC) met at Potsdam (Germany) from 19 to 21 June 2007 to try to seek convergence on some important issues relating to the Doha Round negotiations of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).The talks were terminated on 21 June 2007 as convergence could not be reached in key areas.

(d)to(f) : No, Sir. On 17 July 2007, the Chairmen of the Committee on Agriculture-Special Session and the Negotiating Group on Market Access of the WTO have brought out Draft Modalities texts comprising proposals for Agriculture and Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) respectively. The Draft Modalities can be accessed at the WTO website [www.wto.org](http://www.wto.org). These texts will be discussed further in meetings of the respective Committees in September 2007.