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NETWORK OF DEVELOPING UNDERDEVELOPED NATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether a group of 10 developing and underdeveloped nations in the Asia Pacific Region has formed a `network` to find ways of generating sustainable livelihood for the vulnerable sections of society and launch major capacity-building initiative for identification of needs, access to information and negotiation;
- (b) Whether these nations felt that the problem being faced by the poor and weaker sections of society in these countries is almost of the same nature;
- (c) If so, the effective steps taken by these developing and undeveloped countries on the various matters; and
- (d) the time frame decided for the implementation of these programmes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI. E. AHAMED)

- (a) A regional workshop on generating sustainable livelihoods for human security was held at TARAGram, India from November 4-8, 2004. The participants in the workshop included representatives from non-governmental organizations and government officials from some countries as well. The participants decided to create a network for sharing of best practices and experience.
- (b) & (c) The participants in the workshop felt that the problems faced by the poor and weaker sessions of society in their countries were similar and that it would be useful to share experiences. The participants agreed that human security should be integrated into ongoing poverty reduction programmes, that there should be a greater exchange of ideas and experience, and that thematic training courses should organized.
- (d) The workshop was co-organized by the United National Centre for Regional Development, which would, presumably, take follow up action on the recommendations.