

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

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WTO MEET AT KENYA

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

- (a) whether India participated in WTO mini-ministerial meet recently concluded in Kenya;
- (b) if so, whether the government has opined that the EU's offer on non-agriculture market access is inadequate and has demanded an equitable tariff;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the EU thereon;
- (d) whether the Government has worked out modified formula alongwith the countries supporting it; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) EU has put forward certain ideas on how reductions in tariffs on the non-agricultural goods are to be effected without formally proposing the same. This matter is currently under discussion in the WTO. EU had made some suggestions on a tariff formula in NAMA, which has not yet been formalised. The Indian side has indicated that this does not meet our concerns. No reaction from EU is available on this.

(d) & (e) The modified formula is still under discussion with some countries.