

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

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

(a) whether a meeting of the Trade Ministers of various countries met in Geneva to discuss ways to improve the functioning of World Trade Organisation (WTO); and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the issues discussed at the said meet?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Ministers and other delegates representing the 153 Members and 56 Observers of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) met in Geneva on the occasion of the Seventh Ministerial Conference of the WTO held from 30 November to 3 December 2009.

(b) The general theme for discussion was "The WTO, the Multilateral Trading System and the Current Global Economic Environment". The Conference was not a substantive negotiating round but a platform for Ministers to review the functioning of the WTO, including the Doha Round of trade negotiations, and to discuss issues such as monitoring and surveillance, disputes, accessions, Aid for Trade, technical assistance and international governance.