

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the developing countries including India oppose planned subsidy cuts for fisheries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the outcome achieved in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): Under the work programme of Doha Round of WTO Negotiations, Members are also discussing framing of new disciplines for fisheries subsidies. As per the Ministerial mandate, appropriate and effective Special and Differential (S&D) treatment for Developing and Least Developed Countries should be an integral part of the fisheries subsidies negotiations, taking into account the importance of this sector to poverty reduction and livelihood and food security concerns. Member's proposals are currently under negotiations.