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PARTICIPATION OF RETAIL INVESTORS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government recently held discussions with various stock exchanges about the ways to increase participation of retail investors in the market;
- (b) if so, the decisions arrived at as a result thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Meetings were held with stock exchanges and some stakeholders to discuss various issues pertaining to securities markets including ways to increase participation of retail investors in the market.

(b) and (c): Various proposals like reducing transaction costs in the securities market to encourage participation of retail investors, enhancing brokers' reach to smaller town etc. were discussed during the meetings. On the basis of the above discussions and consultations with SEBI, Government has initiated action in several areas to increase the depth of the Indian capital market.