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WEF MEETING

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a high level Indian delegation attended the annual World Economic Forum meeting held at Davos recently;
- (b) if so, the details of issues raised and discussed by the Indian delegation therein; and
- (c) the extent to which the issues raised by Indian leaders have been supported by other participants?

Answer

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

(a). Yes, Sir. Apart from senior Union Ministers, a Chief Minister and senior Government officials, several business leaders, media leaders and civil society leaders from India also attended the annual World Economic Forum meeting held at Davos recently.

(b) & (c): The World Economic Forum is an independent international organization committed to improving the state of the world by engaging business, political, academic and other leaders of society to shape global, regional and industry agendas in a high-level informal environment of trust.

The Indian delegation members had around 25 speaking roles in over 20 sessions of the public programme, and many more in the private sessions held throughout the Annual Meeting. The issues discussed included: The India Outlook; The Path to Regulatory Reform; BRICS in Midlife Crisis; Rethinking Financial Governance and the Role of Financial Services in Society; India: Renewing Partnerships, Delivering Growth; Employment; Youth Values & Aspirations; Institutions, Economy and Policy Making; Manufacturing; Global Food Security; Infrastructure; Agriculture; Population; Poverty & Prosperity; Energy; Healthy Workforce; Smart Eco-cities; Climate Change and Water Security etc. Several private events on India were held on the sidelines of the Meeting by CII and Indian companies. In addition, the Indian Ministers as well as business leaders held several meetings with counterpart Ministers and CEOs of leading global companies to promote business, investment and economic cooperation.