

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

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

- (a) whether India, Brazil and South Africa have formed a trilateral bloc to boost trade;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the area identified for trilateral trade; and
- (d) the extent to which the new grouping will be helpful to boost the trade among them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(a) & (c) Do Not Arise.

(d) During External Affairs` Minister visit to Brazil a Trilateral Meeting was held on 6th June, 2003 amongst the Foreign Ministers of India, Brazil and South Africa to launch the India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA) Dialogue Forum with the aim of further enhancing South South Cooperation. IBSA Dialogue Forum is strictly not a trading bloc, but is a grouping which envisages a wider canvas of cooperation in various fields among these three countries. Trade, of course, will form an important part of this trilateral cooperation.