

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2740  
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VISIT OF FICCI DELEGATION TO GERMANY  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a business delegation sponsored by FICCI and CII visited Germany alongwith the Minister of Commerce and Industry during the visit of Prime Minister of Germany in May, 2003;
- (b) if so, the issues discussed with the German business community;
- (c) whether the matter in regard to renewal of Green Land Scheme and VAT were also discussed; and
- (d) if so, the response of Germany thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) to (c) The business communities of both sides discussed various matters pertaining to bilateral commercial and economic cooperation between India and Germany. These included renewal of the German Green Card Scheme and denial of refund of VAT to Indian companies doing business in Germany.
- (d) Both sides have welcomed early convening of the meeting of the Indo-German Joint Commission, which would appropriately address the issues pertaining to Indo-German cooperation.