

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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WTO CONFERENCE IN CANADA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the agenda of the WTO conference held in Canada recently;
- (b) the extent to which India and other Asian countries like China presented their viewpoint in the conference; and
- (c) the extent to which the outcome of the above conference would help India to boost the trade volume?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): An informal mini-ministerial meeting on WTO issues was convened by Canada at Montreal on 28-30 July 2003 with a view to exchange views among the Trade Ministers from select countries on the current status of negotiations under the work programme adopted at Doha as part of the Doha Ministerial Declaration and explore strategies for addressing blockages. 25 WTO Members including India besides the Director General of WTO and the Chairman of the WTO General Council were invited by Canada for this meeting. All Members present, including India, reiterated their well known position on all the issues covered by the Doha Work Programme. While there was no conclusion at this meeting, it helped the Members appreciate and understand each other's position on various issues.