

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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MEETING OF IDF IN PARIS

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India Development Forum at its meeting held in Paris in May this year, considered the question of lifting sanctions imposed in the wake of Nuclear Tests in May, 1998;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) in what terms and by whom India`s case was presented at the Forum;
- (d) whether the sanctions imposed in the aftermath of India`s Nuclear Tests of May, 1998 in any way came in the way of grant of IDF assistance to India; and
- (e) if so, to what extent?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (SHRI BALSABHIB VIKHE PATIL)

- (a), (b) & (c): The issue of sanctions was not discussed at the India Development Forum (IDF) held in May 2000. The agenda of the meeting focused on issues relating to effectiveness and relevance of external assistance in the framework of development planning in India and the need for structuring external aid to be consistent with the economic priorities of the country. The theme for discussion this year at the IDF was `Poverty- States` Dimension`. The Indian delegation for the IDF was led by Secretary (Economic Affairs).
- (d) & (e): The IDF does not provide assistance to India. All assistance is extended by donors/ external agencies in their individual capacity.