

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

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PROPOSAL FOR WTO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to forward a joint proposal of Group-15 countries in respect of different issues of the agenda of ensuring World Trade Organisation meeting;
- (b) if so, the concrete proposal has been forwarded or likely to be forwarded by India in this regard and the main objectives thereof; and
- (c) the stand of other Group-15 countries on this proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) In the fifth Meeting of the Minister of Trade/Economy of the G-15 countries held at Cairo on 15th June, 2000, the Ministers agreed to deepen their cooperation in matters concerning WTO through regular consultations among them. As agreed therein, Malaysia is hosting an informal meeting of the Ministers of Trade/Economy of G-15 countries at Kuala Lumpur on 1-2 September, 2000 to discuss possible common approaches on various WTO issues.