

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the officials of the UN conference on Trade and Development has identified three key growth areas in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve the key growth areas in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): No Sir, UNCTAD has not identified key growth areas for India. However, the first Expert Meeting on New and Dynamic Sectors of World Trade held in UNCTAD, Geneva on 7-9th February, 2005 focussed on three sectors, viz. `textiles and clothing`, `renewable energy products including bio-fuels` and `outsourcing of Information and Communication Technology services` as key growth areas for the developing countries. The meeting reviewed national and international policies and actions to enhance developing countries participation in these three sectors. India`s performance in these three sectors has been taken note of in the report of the meeting.