

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

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TRADE BARRIERS

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

(a) whether the Government has stressed the need for doing away with non-tariff barriers affecting India's trade with EU during recent visit of the British Prime Minister and EU President to New Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the trade barriers sought to be removed by India?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In his address to the India-EU Business Summit held in New Delhi on 7th September 2005, the Prime Minister stressed the need to address EU's non-tariff barriers mainly in the agriculture sector. It was agreed in a Joint Action Plan to set up a Joint Working Group focussing on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)/Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) issues.