

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

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BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

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

(a) whether India can transcend World Trade Organisation and enter into Bilateral Agreements with Western European countries and America to boost India's agricultural exports to these regions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): Under Article 24 of GATT, India can enter into bilateral agreements with Western European countries and America to boost its agriculture exports.

No such bilateral agreement has as yet been negotiated with Western European countries and US.