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

- (a) whether the World Development Indicator, 2005 report published by the World Bank has observed that the common man in the developing countries has not been benefited by the World Trade Organisations;
- (b) if so, the details of the objections made in the said report; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The 2005 World Development Indicators published by the World Bank, basically contains the statistical tables regarding different development indicators on different countries and regions. The Foreword to this Publication by the President of the World Bank notes that since the articulation of the UN Millennium Development Goals, the World Development Indicators 2005 has reported on progress towards each goal. The Millennium Development Goals are, inter alia, about meeting the most basic needs of people worldwide for education, health care, and clean air & water. It notes the progress towards the Millennium Development Goals, though it also adds that progress in some places has been offset by setback in others and that there is no room for complacency. The indicators mentioned in this Publication have been noted by the Government.