

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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GDP GROWTH IN EXPORT OF SERVICES BY IT SECTOR .

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

(a) Whether the projected annual GDP growth rate of eight per cent during the Tenth Five Year Plan depends largely upon achieving substantial growth in export of services by the Indian Information Technology sector;

(b) If so, whether a deep rooted international conspiracy to discourage Indian IT professionals and entrepreneurs from harnessing the global market is manifested in the treatment of harassment meted out in Malaysia/ Indonesia in the recent past and in the Netherlands and England recently; and

(c) If so, the details of the initiatives taken, to deal with such indirect violation of the spirit of WTO?

Answer

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

(a): The projected annual GDP growth rate of 8% during the Tenth Five Year Plan does not depend on the performance of any one sector, but on the balanced development of the entire economy.

(b): There does not appear to be any deep rooted international conspiracy to discourage Indian IT professionals and entrepreneurs from harnessing the global market.

(c): Liberalisation of visa and other procedures for visits of professionals for supply of services in WTO member countries is one issue which India has been taking up actively during the WTO negotiations on Trade in Services presently underway in the WTO under the General Agreement on Trade in Services.