

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

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GLOBAL COMPETITION IN VARIOUS SERVICES

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

- (a) whether any proposal is under consideration of the Government to promote global competition in various services and to open up for FDI;
- (b) if so, the service sectors likely to be opened for such competition;
- (c) whether any committee has been set up to examine the pros and cons of the proposal ;
- (d) if so, the composition thereof;
- (e) the time by which the committee will submit its recommendations;
- (f) whether Government imposed any penalty for any anti-composition activity and amount collected from each company during the current year; and
- g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Planning Commission has initiated action for setting up a High Level Group to look into the various factors influencing the performance of the service sector and suggest policy measures which would need to be taken to sustain its competitiveness in the coming years. The High Level Group will function under the overall guidance of Planning Commission and will include experts from relevant areas. Government has put in place a liberal and transparent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy for inter alia the services sector. This policy is reviewed on an ongoing basis for further liberalization.

(f) & (g): Does not arise.