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

- (a) whether any meeting of the India-China Eminent Persons Group was held recently to discuss the trade and other economic issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether China registered its concern before the Government of India over blacklisting some of its companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (e) whether this move will have any impact on the bilateral trade between India and China; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b)Yes, Sir. The Fifth meeting of the India-China Eminent Persons` Group (EPG) was held in New Delhi during September 25-26, 2006. The Co-Chairman on the Indian and Chinese sides were Shri C.V. Ranganathan and Mr. Liu Shuqing respectively.The meeting discussed various issues relating to India-China bilateral relations including political and bilateral, trade and economy, education, culture, News media and Journalism education, tourism, science & technology etc. and made Joint Recommendations for the consideration of the two governments and relevant ministries/ departments.

(c)to(f):No, Sir. The minutes of the said meeting do not reflect any such concern shown by the Chinese side over blacklisting of some of its companies.