

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MEETING OF G-7 COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India was also invited to take part in the meeting of G-7 countries held in February this year;
- (b) if so, the details of the benefits likely to accrue to India as a result thereof; and
- (c) the names of the countries apart from India who were invited to this meeting and the approach of the G-7 countries towards such participating countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E AHAMED)

- (a) At the invitation of the Chancellor for Exchequer of the United Kingdom, Finance Minister, Shri P. Chidambaram attended a meeting with G-7 Finance Ministers on February 5, 2005.
- (b) There was no formal agenda. The discussions focussed around challenges and opportunities of globalization. Finance Minister briefed others on trends in the Indian economy. The participants exchanged views on the rising international oil prices.
- (c) Other countries invited to the meeting were Brazil, South Africa and China.