

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2911**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2018**

**INVITATION TO PAKISTAN FOR WTO MINISTERIAL MEETING IN  
DELHI**

2911. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has extended invitation to Pakistan to participate in the informal WTO Ministerial meeting in New Delhi on 19th and 20th March, 2018; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expected outcomes from Pakistan's participation in the meeting?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Around 50 member countries of the World Trade Organization (WTO), including Pakistan, were invited for the Informal WTO Ministerial Meeting to be held in New Delhi on 19 and 20 March 2018. The objective of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for a free and frank discussion on various issues relating to the WTO. Such meetings provide useful inputs and impart momentum to discussions in the WTO.

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