

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1636**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE**

1636. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the issues that are on priority for the Government and the developing countries at the upcoming 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12);
- (b) whether the Government hopes for a permanent resolution to the issue of public stockholding;
- (c) if not, the details of the further course of action with the difference between per farmer amber box support between the developed and developing world including India; and
- (d) the details of the response at the WTO to the Government's proposal of allowing a 25 year horizon for continuing subsidies on fisheries and the further course of action in case of non-acceptance?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a):** The Twelfth Ministerial Conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organization (WTO) scheduled to be held during 30<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021, has been indefinitely postponed in view of the serious epidemiological situation that arose and resultant travel restrictions imposed by the authorities concerned. For MC12, issues of priority for India and the developing countries include a permanent solution to public stockholding for food security purposes, a temporary waiver from certain provisions of the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and fisheries subsidies negotiations.

**(b) to (d):** At the WTO, which is a Member-driven organisation decisions are taken on the basis of consensus amongst members. For taking forward areas of our priority India along with the G33 group of nations has proposed for a permanent solution to the issue of public stockholding for food security purposes and has tabled a proposal on fisheries subsidies, which has support of some like-minded countries.

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