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United States has been blocking the appointment of members of the WTO Appellate Body on some systemic and procedural issues. About 1/4th of the 164 WTO members, including India, have expressed concerns on the matter at every relevant WTO meeting. Further, India along with EU and 12 other countries have submitted a communication to the WTO General Council for addressing the issues raised by United States on functioning and operations of Dispute Settlement Body, including appointment of Appellate Body members.

India has 7 disputes at WTO which are at different stages of settlement. India is defending its interest in these disputes with the help of experienced Law Firms.

- I. DS430 Import of poultry and poultry products from United States, Complainant: India,
- II. DS436 Countervailing duty by United States on Indian steel products, Complainant: India,
- III. DS456 National Solar Mission dispute with United States, Complainant: United States,
- IV. DS510 United States' Sub-Federal Renewable energy programme, Complainant: India,
- V. DS518 India-certain Measures on imports of iron and steel products from Japan, Complainant: Japan,
- VI. DS541 Export Subsidies measures of India, Complainant: United States,
- VII. DS-547 United States-Certain measures of Unites States on steel and aluminium products, Complainant: India.

This information was given by the Minister of State of Commerce and Industry, C. R. Chaudhary, in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today.

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