

Nath to European NGOs: Stop slander campaign

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Commerce Minister Kamal Nath today said foreign non-government organisations (NGOs) based in Europe are running a slander campaign against the Indian industry, specially in the textile sector.

"The Indian government may have to take retaliatory action to counter such campaigns, which are false and baseless," Nath said at an event organised by Fortune magazine today.

Dismissing allegations by American clothing chain Gap that Indian suppliers are using child labour, Nath said Gap has been regularly inspecting the facilities of their suppliers based in India.

There were also other campaigns by some Dutch NGOs in which pictures of children morphed to show child labour. "This is unacceptable," he added.