

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF CANADIAN BUSINESS DELEGATION

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a 100 member strong business delegation led by Canadian Minister for International Trade visited various parts of the country in July, 2001;
- (b) if so, the main purpose of the delegation's visit;
- (c) the outcome of the discussions held between India and Canadian delegations;
- (d) whether the Canada is one of the G-17 countries and 7th largest economy in the world; and
- (e) if so, the extent to which Canada has agreed to have joint-ventures and improve trade with India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) : No, Sir. A Canadian trade delegation led by Minister for International Trade Mr. Pierre S. Pattigrew was scheduled to visit India in October 2001, however the visit did not materialize.
- (b) (c) & (d) : The Canada is one of the countries comprising the G-8 group.
- (e) : Does not arise