

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VISIT OF CANADIAN TRADE DELEGATION

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

- (a) whether a Canadian Trade Delegation has visited India recently and held discussions with him;
- (b) if so, the areas on which discussions were held;
- (c) whether trade links between both the countries have further improved;
- (d) if so, to what extent; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to India from the Canadian firms?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. Mr. Pierre Pettigrew, Canadian Minister for International Trade accompanied by a large delegation of businessmen visited India in April 2002. Various aspects of bilateral trade were discussed and it is expected that both the countries now have better appreciations of measures required to be taken for increasing bilateral trade.

(e): This is likely to facilitate an enhanced economic and commercial cooperation between the businesses of two countries for mutual benefit.