

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

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TRADE RELATION WITH BRITAIN  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the areas in which Indo-British trade has been established during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government have reviewed the results thereof;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government have a proposal to double the Indo-British trade in the coming five years;
- (e) if so, the areas identified therefor; and
- (f) the target set thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The areas in which Indo-British trade is presently concentrated include textiles/leather sector products, engineering goods, marine products, tea, gems/jewellery, chemicals, machinery, transport equipments, project goods, professional equipments etc.
- (b) to (c) Britain is an important trading partner of India and hence the Indo-British bilateral trade is kept under a constant review. The Indo-British and Indo-EU market access barriers are appropriately addressed in such reviews.
- (d) to (f) The trade and industry from both the sides have inter-alia decided to work together for encouraging the doubling of Indo-British bilateral trade to Pound 10 billion per annum over the next five years. The new areas identified for such partnership include IT/enabled services, biotechnology, processed foods, non-GMO produce, health care/pharma/complementary medicine, media and infrastructure areas.