

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

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EXPANSION OF BILATERAL TRADE WITH PAKISTAN

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

- (a) whether the Government propose to expand bilateral trade with Pakistan;
- (b) if so, the areas identified so far; and
- (c) the action-plan drawn up for the expansion of Indo-Pak trade?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

- (a) It is Government's policy to promote & expand trade with all countries including Pakistan.
- (b) Trade is promoted in all the commodities and services of mutual interest.
- (c) Government of India has continued to accord Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to Pakistan. India has also been exchanging tariff concessions with South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) member countries under SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangements (SAPTA). Other trade promotion measures include exchange of business delegation, participation in fairs, exhibitions and buyer-seller meets etc.