

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND CIS COUNTRIES .
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes High Technology Cooperation and Trade between India and Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) countries;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with objectives thereof;
- (c) The details of funds allocated under the programme; and
- (d) The details of technology related projects signed during 2005-06 with various countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir;

(b) The Department of Commerce under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has launched 'Focus: CIS Programme' on March 31, 2003 to enhance India's exports to CIS countries. This Programme initially focused on CIS countries viz. Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan and Ukraine and later on extended to include Russian Federation, Belarus, Armenia, Moldova and Georgia.

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Department of Commerce have jointly assigned a project on 'Promoting High Technology Cooperation and Trade between India and Commonwealth of Independent States

(CIS) Countries' to M/s. MITCON Consultancy Services Ltd, Pune during 2005-2006. The objectives of assignment are: to identify specific Indian suppliers whose technologies & projects have relevance to CIS Countries; to identify specific collaborating agencies & business partners in the CIS region; and to facilitate one-to-one Interaction, signing of MOUs, etc. between the suppliers and buyers for project implementation.

(c) Total funds of Rs. 37.26 Lakh have been allocated for the project with DSIR share of Rs. 20 Lakh and Department of Commerce share of Rs. 17.26 Lakh.

(d) No technology related project has yet been signed between India and the target CIS countries during 2005-06 under the said project.