

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-CHINA TRADE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the bilateral trade between India and China through Nathu La Pass has been resumed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the volume of trade expected to be generated between the two countries in the coming years;
- (c) the facilities extended by the Union Government to improve the trade;
- (d) whether any sluggishness is reported in such trade;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to increase the List of Items allowed for the bilateral trade;
- (g) if so, the details thereof; and
- (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (h) Bilateral trade through Nathu La Pass has been resumed since July 2006. The trade mart with customs and other facilities has been established at Sherathang. The trading period, which was from June – September, has now been extended to May – November. According to Custom statistics, trade has grown from Rs. 19.67 lakhs in 2006 to Rs. 97.62 lakhs in 2008. Government expects this trend to continue. A list of 24 additional items for border trade, which mainly includes agricultural products, has been proposed by Government. The matter is under discussion with the Chinese authorities.