

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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TRADE PACT WITH CANADA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to open trade with Canada;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the aims and objectives of such a trade pact; and
- (c) the joint study group`s report prepared in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a)to (c) India and Canada have constituted a Joint Study Group to examine the feasibility of a comprehensive economic partnership agreement (CEPA) between the two countries. The objectives of a CEPA between India and Canada will be primarily to broaden and deepen cooperation in all economic fields and to encourage trade and investment flows between the two countries.