

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Eighth Joint Economic Group meeting between India and China has taken place recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has drawn attention of the Chinese counterparts to the vast trade deficit favouring China;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Chinese delegation in this regard;
- (e) whether Chinese importers are reluctant to buy manufactured goods and value added material from India; and
- (f) if so, the reasons thereof and the corrective steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) The eighth Session of India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science & Technology (JEG) at Ministerial level took place on 19 January, 2010 in Beijing. The Indian delegation was led by Commerce & Industry Minister. As an outcome of the 8th JEG, a Memorandum of Understanding between India and China on Expansion of Trade and Economic Cooperation was signed.

(c)&(d) During his recent visit to China in January 2010, the Commerce & Industry Minister raised the issue of trade deficit with his Chinese counterpart and Chinese Premier. The Chinese side acknowledged that trade imbalance is an issue which needs to be rectified. The Chinese side also agreed that both sides could work together to ensure a more balanced trade and that China would do its part in working towards this objective. As per the MoU signed at the conclusion of the JEG, a balanced trade is conducive to long term, sustainable and harmonious development of economic cooperation between India and China.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.