

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

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CECA AGREEMENT WITH SINGAPORE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has signed Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) with Singapore to elevate bilateral ties between the two countries to a higher level;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to enter into CECA with other countries with whom there is substantive economic engagement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and Singapore was signed on 29th June 2005, which came into effect from 1st August 2005. Detailed information regarding the Agreement is at [www.commerce.nic.in/trade/international\\_ta\\_framework\\_ceca.asp](http://www.commerce.nic.in/trade/international_ta_framework_ceca.asp).

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. India is currently negotiating Free Trade agreements with the following countries:

Name of the Agreements under Negotiation	Partner country
India-EU Trade and Investment Agreement	Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and  
Negotiations on broad based Bilateral Trade Switzerland  
and Investment Agreement

India-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership  
Agreement (CEPA) negotiations) Japan

India-Sri Lanka Comprehensive Economic Partnership  
Agreement (CEPA) negotiations Sri Lanka

India-Thailand Comprehensive Economic Cooperation  
Agreement (CECA) negotiations Thailand

India-Malaysia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation  
Agreement (CECA) negotiations Malaysia

India- New Zealand Comprehensive Economic Cooperation  
Agreement (CECA) New Zealand

Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical Bangladesh, India, Myanmar,  
and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Free Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan  
Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations and Nepal

India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Free Trade  
Agreement (FTA) negotiations Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait  
Bahrain, Qatar and Yemen

India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation  
and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) negotiations Mauritius

India-SACU Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) negotiations South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho,  
Swaziland and Namibia