

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6036

ANSWERED ON:03.05.2010

INDO CHINA TRADE

Naik Dr. Sanjeev Ganesh;Ray Shri Rudramadhab ;Reddy Shri Mekapati Rajamohan;Semmalai Shri S. ;Singh Alias Pappu Singh Shri Uday;Sule Supriya

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued a demarche to China on economic issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps in view of lack of specific commitments offered by Chinese Government to facilitate export of Indian goods;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Chinese Government in this regard;
- (e) whether the Government has recently signed any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China to increase the trade between the two countries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the items likely to be exported to China and vice versa with the signing of the said Agreement?

Answer

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

(a)-(f) The 8th session of India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade, Science and Technology (JEG) at Ministerial level was held on 19th January 2010 in Beijing. The Commerce and Industry Minister raised the issues such as growing trade deficit, market access for Indian Agricultural Products, Pharmaceuticals, problems faced by Indian IT Industry and Zee TV uplinking etc. As an outcome of the 8th JEG meeting a Memorandum of understanding (MoU) between India and China on expansion of trade and Economic cooperation was signed on 19th January, 2010. The MoU recognizes that a balanced trade is conducive to long term, sustainable and harmonious development of economic cooperation between India and China. Both sides agreed to give special attention to improving the trade situation to ensure greater value addition in their bilateral trade and promote the introduction of additional goods and services in their markets. As per the MoU the Chinese side will strive to import as much of its requirement of value added goods from India as possible, Both sides will actively cooperate and take positive measures to facilitate each other's pharmaceutical companies to increase export to the other country. Realizing the potential of IT and ITES in expanding their bilateral cooperation, the two sides agreed to take initiatives to encourage their industries to collaborate to mutual benefit and explore new opportunities.