

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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CO-OPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any fresh initiatives for increased co-operation with Brazil and other Latin American countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI S.M. KRISHNA)

(a) & (b) The ongoing cooperation between India and Latin American countries has intensified in diverse areas such as political, economic, trade, investments, technical and cultural. This process of enhancement of cooperation is being actively encouraged by Government.

Our engagement with Brazil is significant in many areas. Brazil is our largest trading partner in the region and Indian companies are also making large investments in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, manufacturing among other sectors. The two countries are also exploring other sectors of cooperation. India and Brazil are also cooperating with each other through their membership of IBSA, BRIC and G-4 groups of countries.