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

- (a) whether Bangladesh and India are likely to sign border haat agreement for makeshift bazaars at their common borders to boost bilateral trade;
- (b) if so, the complete details thereof and MoU signed so far;
- (c) the trade volume reported during the last three years between the two countries; and
- (d) the boosting measures taken for the remaining Eleventh Plan?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) India and Bangladesh have signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Border Haats at Meghalaya Border on 23.10.2010. The complete details are available on the Department of Commerce website:

http://commerce.nic.in/trade/MOU_Border_Haats_across_Border_India_and_Bangladesh2010.pdf

(c) The Trade Volume during the last three years between the two countries is as below:

INDIA-BANGLADESH TRADE

(Figures in US Million \$)

India's 2007-2008 2008-2009 2009-10

Exports to Bangladesh 2,923.72 2,497.87 2,430.89

Imports from Bangladesh 257.02 313.11 254.48

Total trade with Bangladesh 3,180.74 2,810.98 2,685.37

(source: DGCI&S)

(d) Development of Land Custom Stations under Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) scheme, regular business interaction-encouragement for exchange of business delegations, special exemption to Bangladesh for wheat and rice export, Silghat (India) and Ashuganj (Bangladesh) have been declared as Port of Call under Indo-Bangladesh Inland Water Transit and Trade (WTT) Protocol, India would export 250 MW power to Bangladesh, Bangladesh has agreed to allow use of

Chittagong and Mongla ports for exports by India, allowing movement of containers through river and rail routes etc., are the boosting measures taken for the remaining Eleventh Plan.