

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

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

- (a) the details of the trade between India and Slovenia during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Prime Minister of Slovenia during his recent visit to India held bilateral meeting with the Government for increasing the trade and commerce between the two countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the issues discussed during the said meeting; and
- (d) the details of the decisions taken by both the countries for promotion of trade?

Answer

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

- (a) Details of the trade between India and Slovenia during last three years and the current year are as under:

(Value in US\$ Million)

Year	Export	Import	Total Trade	Growth(%) over corresponding period of previous year
2008-09	160.70	75.18	235.88	17.89
2009-10	192.58	118.14	310.72	(-) 4.47
2010-11	184.35	88.71	173.06	22.78
April 2011	18.50	6.53	25.03	24.41

- (b) Yes, the Prime Minister of Slovenia held bilateral meeting with the Government in which increasing trade and commerce between the two countries as discussed.
- (c) & (d) : Prime Minister of India and Prime Minister of Slovenia agreed that both sides would try to enhance and diversify the trade basket and promote greater interaction and collaboration between business communities, particularly the small and medium enterprises.

The Bilateral Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement was signed between the two countries which is expected to contribute to increased economic cooperation between the two countries. Further, a MoU between the Bureau of Indian Standards and its Slovenian counterpart was also signed and is expected to boost bilateral trade by facilitating better mutual understanding of standards and norms of traded goods.