

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:292
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ASEAN NEGOTIATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has sought to fast-track ASEAN negotiations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) & (b) The Minister of Commerce & Industry of India had a meeting on August 13, 2011, in Manado, Indonesia with ASEAN Economic Ministers. At the meeting, the Ministers tasked their officials to fast-track India-ASEAN negotiations on finalizing the India-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement on Services and Investment.