

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND CANADA IN MSME SECTOR

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce alongwith Confederation of Indian Industry and India-Canada Business Chamber has discussed the matter relating to MSME sector in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives of the said discussions;
- (c) the details of trade between the two countries in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector during each of the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the two countries to boost such business between the two countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI VIRBHADRA SINGH)

(a): Yes, Madam. Indo-Canada Chamber of Commerce alongwith Confederation of Indian Industry and India-Canada Business Chamber had organized a session on "India-Canada Partnership- the way forward" on 6th January 2012 at New Delhi.

(b): The objective was to create awareness on the business opportunities available including in SME Sector. Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises was the Guest of Honour at the event and there was a 30-member business delegation from Canada, led by the Mayor of Markham.

(c): Department of Commerce maintains trade related data with respect to countries/regions and commodities. The details of bilateral trade between India and Canada, including that of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector, during the last three years are as under:

Year	Exports to		Import from		(In US\$ Million)	
	Canada	Canada	Trade	Trade	Total	Trade
					Balance	
2008-09	1364.41	2458.65	3823.06	-1094.24		
2009-10	1122.77	2097.35	3220.12	-974.58		
2010-11	1361.29	2029.98	3391.27	-668.69		

(d): Issues related to cooperation to enhance bilateral trade and investment are discussed in Institutional Mechanisms such as the Commercial Dialogue & Trade Policy Forums.