

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE WITH ZIMBABWE

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

- (a) whether a high level Indian Industries delegation has visited Zimbabwe in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the details of the issues discussed by the said delegation with the leaders of Zimbabwe;
- (d) the details of the issues on which both the countries have agreed to implement; and
- (e) the extent to which both the countries are likely to be benefitted on the implementation of each of such programmes?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A high level Indian Officialcum-Industry delegation led by Hon'ble Minister of Commerce, Industry & Textiles (CITM) visited Zimbabwe on 9-10 January, 2012.

(c) & (d): During the visit, opportunities to enhance Indian investment in Zimbabwe were discussed. Further, the matter related to setting up of rural technology park and food testing laboratory in Zimbabwe and empowering crafts women of rural Africa by imparting basketry making training by National Institute of Design (NID) were also discussed. These Indian projects were announced during the India-Africa Summit-II held at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in May, 2011.

It was also decided to convene the meeting of the India-Zimbabwe Joint Trade Committee within the next six months.

(e): Indian as well as Zimbabwean business communities are likely to be benefitted as there was an immense possibility of cooperation between the two countries.