

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

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Gandhi Smt. Maneka Sanjay

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

- (a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been finalized between India and Australia for promoting trade between the these two countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up world class wool testing laboratory in Mumbai in collaboration with world class wool testing laboratory in Australia; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

a)& b) No, Madam. However, on the basis of Joint Study Group of both countries Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement/Free Trade Agreement negotiations have been initiated for promoting trade between the two countries.

c) & d) An MoU was signed between India and Australia on Wool. As per the MoU, an Indo-Australia Joint Working Group has been set up. The Joint Working Group shall decide future modalities.