

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

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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE
Pradhan Shri Amarnath

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

- (a) the total amount of trade between India and France during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to explore new areas for improving trade with France; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): During the last three years the total trade between India and France was to the tune of US \$ 22.74 billion.

(in US\$ billion)
2006-07 2007-08 2008-09#

India's exports	2.09	2.60	2.99
India's imports	4.21	6.25	4.60
Total Trade	6.30	8.85	7.59

(b) & (c) : Yes, Madam. In order to explore new areas for improving trade with France regularly, government to government bilateral discussions are held regularly through Indo- French Joint Committee and Joint Working Groups in the sectors of mutual interest.

Bilateral Agreements/MOUs have been signed for cooperation in areas of Investment Promotion & Protection, Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Forestry and Food Industries, Small & Medium Sized Enterprises and Intellectual Property Rights.

The Government encourages business to business cooperation and participation of Indian exporters in international exhibitions and fairs. This has resulted in improvement in exports.