

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO CHINA TIES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China has shown keen interest to tap India's expertise in service sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Governments of both the countries have held any discussions in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) During the 9th Joint Economic Group meeting on August 27, 2012 in New Delhi, India and China agreed to set up a Service Trade Promotion Working Group. The Work Programme on Establishing the Service Trade Promotion Working Group was signed during the visit of Premier Li Keqiang to India from May 19-22, 2013. The Work Programme stated that the Working Group is established to efficiently promote the development of China-India trade in services, to extend the domain and scope of exchanges and cooperation in services trade between the two countries, and to create a benign environment and enhanced business opportunities in communicating and cooperating with each other on services trade. The first meeting of the Service Trade Promotion Working Group was held in Beijing on December 13, 2013. The two sides discussed cooperation under Information technology and ITES, tourism, entertainment and media services, and trade in services.