

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

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INDO-CHINA TRADE RELATIONS  
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

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

- (a) Whether Government are taking steps to expand Indo-China trade relations;
- (b) if so, the areas in which Indo-China trade relation has been established; and
- (c) the details of proposals under consideration for the expansion of Indo-China trade in the coming years?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) The Government of India constantly takes steps to expand and improve the Indo-China trade relations. In this direction the bilateral Agreement relating to Chinese accession to the WTO, a Memorandum of Understanding on Ferrous Metallurgy and Agreed Minutes of Sixth Session of Indo-China Joint Group on Economic Relation and Trade, Science and technology were signed in Beijing in February, 2000. As per the Agreed Minutes, the areas discussed included importance of e-commerce, exchange of visits between business communities, establishment of business representative offices, organisation of exhibition, trade fairs, grant of business visas, strengthening cooperation in the field of infrastructure, cooperation in the field of drugs, pharmaceuticals, etc..