

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

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ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the bilateral economic cooperation between India and other Asian countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise, for the last three years in terms of target set and achieved; and (
- (c) the details of fresh policy and administrative initiatives taken/proposed to be taken to strengthen the bilateral economic cooperation between India and other Asian countries during the current year and Ninth Plan period alongwith the action finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) Yes Sir. The Government has reviewed the bilateral economic co-operation between India and other Asian countries from time to time. During the last three years, meetings to review bilateral economic cooperation with the following countries were organized:

1) 14th Round of Indo-Japan Trade Talks held in February 1999. 2) The Sixth Meeting of Indo-China Joint Economic Group on Economic Relations and Trade, Science and Technology was held in Beijing on February 21-22, 2000. 3) The Third Indo-Korea Trade Ministers' (Joint Trade Committee) meeting, was held on May 9, 2000. 4) Matters relating to bilateral trade and economic relations between India and Nepal were reviewed at Commerce Secretary level in New Delhi on December 10-12, 1999. 5) The Commerce Secretary of India and Bangladesh met in New Delhi for Trade Review Talk on May 10-12, 2000. 6) Joint Commission meeting with Australia held on 26/2/99 in New Delhi. 7) Joint Ministerial Commission meeting with Australia held on 12/4/2000 in Canberra, Australia 8) Joint Trade Committee meeting with New Zealand held on 28/8/97 in Wellington, New Zealand 9) Joint Trade Committee meeting with New Zealand held on 14/4/2000 in Wellington, New Zealand 10) Joint Trade Committee meeting with Thailand in Bangkok on 21st and 22nd September, 1999. 11) India - Philippines Joint Working Group meeting held in Manila on 27th and 28th January, 1997 12) India-Philippines Joint Working Group meeting held in Manila, Philippines on 20th and 21st January, 1998. 13) Meeting of the Joint Working Group on Energy and Minerals was held at Sydney, Australia on 10/4/2000. 14) Seventh Indo-Algeria Joint Committee meeting held on 24th to 26th June, 2000 at Algiers. 15) Second Indo-Israel Joint Committee meeting held on 27th October, 1998 at New Delhi. 16) Fourth Indo-Syria Joint Committee meeting held on 25-26th July, 2000 at New Delhi. 17) Third Indo-Oman Joint Commission meeting held on 27-28th April, 2000 at New Delhi. 18) Third Indo-Yemen Joint Committee meeting held on 18-20th July, 1999 at Sana'a. 19) Third Indo-Egypt Joint Commission meeting held on 8-9th April, 2000 at New Delhi. 20) Seventh Indo-Sudan Joint Commission meeting held on 8-9th April 2000 at Khartoum. 21) Ninth Indo-Tunisia Joint Commission meeting held on 3-6th April 2000 at Tunis. 22) Tenth Indo-Iran Joint Commission meeting held on 22-24th Feb. 1999 at New Delhi. 23) Thirteenth Indo-Iraq Joint Commission meeting held on 27-28th July 1999 at Baghdad. 24) Third Indo-Bahrain Joint Commission meeting held on 12-13 November 1998 at New Delhi. 25) Third Indo-Qatar Joint Committee meeting held on 9-11 March, 1999 at New Delhi.

Promotion of bilateral economic co-operation with Asian countries is a continual/ongoing process. Various measures to promote bilateral economic cooperation are being undertaken which includes holding of bilateral meetings for periodic review of trade and removing impediments to market access, exchange of official and business delegations, and participation in trade fairs and exhibitions.