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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Federation of Indian Publishers have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Pakistan publishers and book sellers association to promote book trade and co-publishing;
- (b) if so? the details of Memorandum of Understanding signed by both the countries; and
- (c) the extent to which it will be benefited to each other?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Yes? Sir. As per the information received? a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in New Delhi on 29/8/2003 by the Federation of Indian Publishers? a representative body of the publishers in India and Pakistan Publishers and Booksellers Association to promote book trade and publishing. According to the Federation of Indian Publishers? the Memorandum of Understanding will be beneficial to both the countries to promote the cause of the books? writers and the publishing industry in each other's country like co-publishing? sale and purchase of copyrights between the publishers of the two countries. Both Federation of Indian Publishers and Pakistan Publishers and Booksellers Association will also cooperate with each other in publishing matters at various international publishing forums and exchange of information for mutual benefit.