

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE WITH CANADA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to boost trade with Canada;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the economic ties established in this regard;
- (c) whether the Indian firms are being encouraged to have tie-ups with Canadian multinational companies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the trade likely to increase as a result of such economic ties?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d): Strengthening of trade relations with Canada is a continuous and ongoing process. Efforts are regularly made to encourage investments, joint ventures and collaborations, expand and diversify trade through various trade promotion measures such as market research, information dissemination, buyer-seller meets, participation in important trade fairs etc.

(e): Though it is not feasible to quantify the exact increase, it is expected that the above steps would boost the existing trade between the two countries.