

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

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TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and China has decided to discuss Bilateral Regional Trade Agreement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Nathula Pass would be opened for Indo-China Trade by March 2006;
- (d) whether the modalities for mutual trade have been worked out;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the items which have been selected for export to China and vice-versa;
- (f) whether this trade is likely to affect our domestic market adversely; and
- (g) if so, the steps taken by the Government to save the domestic market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAI RAM RAMESH)

- (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Indo-China Joint Study Group (JSG) in its Report has recommended evolving a China-India Regional Trading Arrangement comprising trade in goods and services, investments, trade and investment promotion, and facilitation and measures for promotion of economic cooperation
- (c) to (e) It may not be possible to operationalise border trade through Nathula Pass by March 2006 in view of the climatic conditions in the region. The modalities for border trade through Nathula Pass are being worked out in consultation with the Chinese side.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.