

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:341

ANSWERED ON:14.03.2006

INDO FRANCE TRADE

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

a) the details of the trade between the India and France during each of the last three years and till date; b) whether a delegation from France visited India recently to explore trade and investment opportunities in India; and c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the trade between the two countries will get a boost consequent upon the visit of the delegation and the decisions taken thereon; and e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS

(a) to

(e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 FOR ANSWER ON 14TH MARCH 2006 REGARDING `INDO FRANCE TRADE`.

(a) Details of trade between India and France during the last three years and during the first eight months of 2005-06 are as follows :-

(Value in US\$ Million)

Year	Exports from India	Imports by India	Total trade
2002-03	1074.09	1094.18	2168.27
2003-04	1280.89	1090.23	2371.12
2004-05	1609.11	1380.70	2989.81
2005-06	1170.93	902.59	2073.52

(April-Nov.)

(b) & (c) The President of France, Mr. Jacques CHIRAC visited India during February 19-21, 2006. He was accompanied, among others, by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Economy, Finance and Industry, Minister of State for Foreign Trade and a large delegation of senior CEOs of leading French companies.

(d) & (e) Contacts and visits by official and business delegations as much as the recent visit of the French President will boost Indo-French trade and economic cooperation through, inter alia, better understanding, business to business contacts exchange of delegations, participation in trade fairs, etc.