

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1969  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2006  
BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND JAPAN  
Badiga Shri Ramakrishna

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

- (a) the details of trade between India and Japan during the last five years, year-wise;
- (b) the efforts being made to increase the bilateral trade between India and Japan to US \$ 10 billion in the next three years;
- (c) whether India-Japan Business Summit was held in Japan and have decided to sign a comprehensive trade treaty during this year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The details of the trade between India and Japan during the last five years year-wise are as follows :

(Value in US \$ mn)

Year	Exports	Imports	Total
2001-02	1511	2147	3658
2002-03	1864	1837	3701
2003-04	1714	2642	4356
2004-05	2128	3235	5363
2005-06	2459	3552	6011

(source: DGCI&S)

(b) A number of steps have been taken by the two Governments to improve bilateral trade and economic relations. During the visit of Japan's Prime Minister to India in April, 2005, the two countries announced an eight point action plan to impart a strategic orientation to Indo-Japan bilateral ties with urgent focus on strengthening economic ties. The two countries agreed to work towards quantum jump in trade volume and pursue diversification in right earnest by taking advantage of the complementarities between the two countries. A Joint Study Group constituted by the two Governments to study the feasibility of further Economic Cooperation between the two countries has recommended for Economic Partnership Agreement

(EPA) or Comprehensive Economic partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and Japan. An EPA/CEPA when concluded is expected to result in manifold benefits including those flowing from increased trade and investment. Also the trade will be promoted through participation in fairs and exhibitions held in India and Japan.

(c) & (d) India-Japan Business Summit was held in Japan on June 14, 2006. This Summit was jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

(METI) of Japan and the Ministry of Commerce & Industry of India and was co-hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF) and the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO). The Joint Statement issued by the two Ministers after the Summit envisages Action Plan to promote Japanese investment to India with focus on SMEs. It was also decided to create an information hub for Japanese and Indian investors. The two Ministers also agreed to widen opportunities for business and technology matching for Indian and Japanese companies. The ministers also recognized the need for working towards better trade and investment climate. The two Ministers also resolved to cooperate towards further economic development and integration in East Asia in spirit of the Joint Statement issued by the two Prime Ministers in New Delhi in April 2005.