

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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PM'S VISIT TO JAPAN
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether during the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Japan, an agreement was signed to set up an Industrial Corridor along the Delhi-Mumbai multi-modal freight corridor with Japanese Cooperation;
- (b) if so, the terms of the agreement reached with Japan in this regard and the nature and extent of Japanese Cooperation committed thereunder; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the project?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

a) Yes.

(b) & (c) During the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Japan in December 2006, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Government of Japan for the establishment of the `Delhi- Mumbai Industrial Corridor`. The MoU provides for cooperation between the two countries towards the development of an industrial corridor along the Dedicated Freight Corridor between Mumbai and Delhi, already under development, in order to absorb greater investment, including from Japan. The Japanese side will consider providing support for the development of facilities in the proposed Industrial Corridor. The Government has set up a Group of Officers to develop the project outline.