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Title: Need to take steps to augment commerce and trade through Nathula Border between Sikkim and Tibet.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM): The Nathula Border Trade was opened with much fanfare on 6th July, 2006 between Sikkim and Tibet. This was perceived to be a significant event to indicate the normalization of ties between India and China. More than five years have elapsed, hardly any significant trade is happening and I would like to bring this to the notice of this august House that there can be no forward movement unless the lists of trade items are significantly altered. We have adhered to a trade list which was prevalent more than 50 years ago. Today what can and should be traded is very much different. I urge upon the Ministry of Commerce to take proactive steps to change the list and give a fillip to the traders of Sikkim.
