

(b) if so, the details thereof and what action is proposed to be taken to solve the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Bilateral trade relationship with China

312. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

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

(a) whether Government has taken steps to discuss bilateral trade enhancement between India and China;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the potential gains or loss to Indian industry in developing the bilateral trade relationship?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Discussions on increasing the bilateral trade between India and China is a continuous process. A Joint Group on Economic Cooperation, Trade, Science and Technology (JEG) at Ministerial Level exists between the two countries since 1988. The eighth session of India-China JEG was held on 19th Jan, 2010 in Beijing, where enhancement of bilateral trade between the two countries and other economic issues were discussed. An institutional mechanism at Joint Secretary/Director General Level also exists since 2003 for reviewing trade and economic issues between the two countries on a regular basis and to facilitate decision making at JEG level. Apart from these two institutional mechanisms there are regular visits of Chinese business delegations to India and Indian business delegations to China for enhancing bilateral trade between the two countries.

(c) The bilateral trade between India and China is beneficial to both the countries and any strengthening of bilateral trade relationship will further benefit both sides including Indian industry.

India-ASEAN Economic Partnership Agreement

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