

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 326
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th DECEMBER, 2017

EAS ECONOMIC MINISTERS' MEETING

326. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has participated in the East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers' Meeting held in Manila recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India and China have set up panels to promote export and bilateral relations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A delegation led by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu participated in the East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers' Meeting held at Pasay City in Manila, Philippines on 9th September, 2017.

(c) to (e): At present, the following institutional mechanism are in place between India & China to deliberate on the trade issues:

1. Joint Economic Group (JEG): JEG was established at Ministerial level in 1988 to discuss trade cooperation issues including export promotion. So far, 10 JEGs have been held with the last one in September 2014 in Beijing. During the 10th JEG, Indian side requested China to take specific measures to improve market access for Indian products in China.

2. The following Joint Working Groups (JWGs) have been constituted at DG/JS level to enhance the trade cooperation between two countries and address the trade and investment related issues:

- a. JWG on Trade in Services: The last meeting was held in Xiamen on 18th September, 2017.
- b. JWG on Trade Statistical Analysis: The last meeting was held in New Delhi on 20th November 2017.
- c. JWG on Economic and Trade Planning Cooperation: The last meeting held in New Delhi on 21st February, 2017.
- d. JWG on Industrial Parks: The last meeting of the JWG was held in Beijing from 2nd-3rd , November 2016.
