

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2264
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INDIAN TRADE RELATIONS WITH CANADA

2264. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the number of Hindus and Sikhs are presently in Canada, religion-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has reported protest to the Canada Government against incidences of comments/statements against Hindus in Canada in past, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Trade due to strained relations between India and Canada;
- (d) whether it affected exports from our Country to Canada; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN)

- (a) As per available information through Canada Census data (2021), 8,30,000 Canadian citizens reported affiliation to Hinduism and 7,70,000 Canadian citizens reported Sikhism as their religion.
- (b) The safety and well-being of Indian nationals in Canada is a priority for the Government. The Indian Mission/Consulates in Canada are constantly engaged with the Indian community, including on measures to ensure their safety and well-being.

The Ministry and our Mission/Consulates in Canada regularly take up with the concerned Canadian authorities any untoward incidents related to the Indian community including hate crimes. India has expressed our concern and requested them to undertake investigations, and hold the perpetrators accountable.

Ministry and Mission/Consulates in Canada have issued advisories from time to time, asking Indian nationals/students residing in Canada and those proceeding to Canada to exercise due caution and remain vigilant.

(c to e) The latest data regarding India-Canada trade is given below :-

Year	India's Exports to Canada (In US \$ billion)	India's Imports from Canada (In US \$ billion)	Total Trade with Canada (In US \$ billion)
2020-21	2.960	2.686	5.647
2021-22	3.763	3.132	6.896
2022-23	4.109	4.167	8.277

Source: Department of Commerce – Import Export Data bank

Bilateral trade with Canada has been stable in the last three years, with India's exports registering an increase.
