

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

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INVITATION OF INDIANS FOR WORK IN RUSSIA

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

(a) whether the recent statement by Russian officials inviting Indians to come to Russia for work is part of a broader bilateral initiative;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the key opportunities and sectors where India and Russia are seeking collaboration, particularly in light of President Putin's recent remarks;

and

(d) the manner in which Russia's reaffirmation of its commitment to the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the European Union has impacted India's trade and economic relations with both countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & b) India and Russia have wide-ranging bilateral cooperation, including in areas such as human resources, in which both sides have agreed to explore further possibilities of collaboration.

(c) India-Russia relations are multi-faceted and span several sectors of cooperation such as defence, energy, space, science and technology, health, agriculture, culture and education. Further, India and Russia have explored new avenues for cooperation while further strengthening engagement in traditional areas.

(d) Initial discussions on a Free Trade Agreement between India and the Eurasian Economic Union, of which Russia is a part, have taken place. In the recent past, there has been significant growth in bilateral trade between India and Russia. Bilateral merchandise trade for the Financial Year 2023-24, stood at USD 65.4 billion, with a growth rate of 32.5% over the previous year.
