Sixth Round of India–Canada CEPA Negotiations Concludes in New Delhi

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal and Canadian Minister Maninder Sidhu Reaffirm Commitment to a Balanced and Mutually Beneficial CEPA

Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal and Canadian Vice Minister Mr. Glenn Purves review status of talks

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The sixth round of negotiations for the India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was held in New Delhi from 11 to 20 November 2026. The Indian delegation was led by Dr. Brij Mohan Mishra, Chief Negotiator, while the Canadian delegation was led by Ms. Mary-Catherine Speirs, Chief Negotiator. The negotiations covered key areas, including Trade in goods, Trade in services, Rules of origin, Trade Remedies, Intellectual Property and Investment promotion.

The negotiating round opened with a warm and constructive meeting in New Delhi on 11 November between Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Mr. Maninder Sidhu, Canada's Minister of International Trade. Both Ministers underscored the importance of a balanced and mutually beneficial CEPA that delivers meaningful market access, builds on the complementarities of both economies and creates new opportunities for trade and investment. They reviewed progress in the negotiations and guided their teams to advance discussions productively.

The round witnessed constructive and substantive discussions across the negotiating tracks, with both sides making progress towards advancing the negotiations. The discussions were guided by the shared objective of concluding the negotiations within the ambitious timelines envisaged by the leaders of the two nations.

Towards the conclusion of the round, the Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal held a productive meeting with Mr. Glenn Purves, Vice Minister of International Trade of Canada, and his delegation in New Delhi. The meeting provided an opportunity to review the progress achieved during the sixth round of negotiations and take stock of the overall status of the India-Canada CEPA discussions. Both sides reaffirmed their shared commitment to concluding an ambitious, balanced and commercially meaningful agreement that delivers tangible benefits to farmers, industries, businesses and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in both countries.

It was underscored that the proposed CEPA would unlock new opportunities in trade and investment, strengthen resilient and diversified supply chains, and further deepen the economic partnership between India and Canada. The successful conclusion of the sixth round reflects the continued engagement and commitment of both sides towards advancing the negotiations and strengthening bilateral economic and commercial ties.







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