

FACT SHEET - INDIA

AREA: 3,287,263 sq. km.

POPULATION: 835 million

CAPITAL: New Delhi

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT: Parl. Republic

HEAD OF STATE: Ramaswamy Venkataraman

PRIME MINISTER: V.P. Singh

LANGUAGE: Hindi is most widely used of 17 official languages. English is common.

ETHNIC BACKGROUND: Indo-Nordics, Dravidians, Mongoloids, Parsis, Jews, Anglo-Indians

GDP: US\$255 bn.

PER CAPITA INCOME: US\$306

CURRENCY: C\$1 = 14.81 Rupees

INFLATION RATE: 7.7%

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: N/A

REAL GDP: 5.5%

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (1988/89):

Exports (Total: US\$14.4 bn)

Imports (Total: US\$19.9 bn)

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| 1. USA | 19% |
| 2. USSR | 15% |
| 3. Japan | 11% |
| 4. UK | 6% |
| 5. W. Germany | 6% |

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| 1. Japan | 13% |
| 2. USA | 10% |
| 3. UK | 10% |
| 4. W. Germany | 8% |
| 5. USSR | 5% |

CANADIAN TRADE STATISTICS: (in Cdn \$ mn)

	1986	1987	1988	1989
Exports	347.6	271.0	393.1	298.5
Imports	165.4	170.9	205.0	224.1
Balance	+182.2	+100.1	+188.1	+74.4

MAIN SECTORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIAN BUSINESS:

1. Power & Energy Equipment & Services
2. Mine, Metal, Mineral Products & Services
3. Advanced Technology Products & Services
4. Oil & Gas Equipment & Services
5. Transportation System, Equipment, Component & Services

EDC STATUS: Open for Sec 29 fin. & credits insurance

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