

In 1990-91, Canada provided a total estimated \$44 million in development assistance to India, placing Canada 11th among all aid donors. Total Canadian aid up to 1990-91 has been approximately \$2 billion.

Since 1991, Export Development Corporation (EDC) financing for India has shifted away from large infrastructure projects toward smaller transactions (i.e., \$10 to \$20 million). EDC continues to work with the State Bank of India toward establishing a line of credit.

ii) Political

As a leading country in the Non-Aligned Movement, the South Asia Association of Regional Co-operation, the Commonwealth and the United Nations, India is an important third-world interlocutor for Canada on issues ranging from human rights to good governance to non-proliferation.

Human rights issues, particularly in Punjab and Kashmir, remain of considerable concern to Canada, as does India's nuclear capability. Canada has begun a bilateral dialogue on security issues, as have several other Western countries.

The Indian community in Canada numbers roughly 400,000. In 1992, 4,139 Indian citizens entered Canada with authorization to work during the 1992 calendar year, and 443 were admitted on ministerial permits. Individuals accepted to Canada as landed immigrants numbered 12,664 and 95 entered as refugees.