

BRIEF-INDIA

AREA: 3,287,263 sq. km.

POPULATION: 833 million

CAPITAL: New Delhi

SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT: Parl. Republic

HEAD OF STATE: Ramaswamy Venkataraman

PRIME MINISTER: Rajiv Gandhi

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

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

GDP: \$240 bn. U.S.

PER CAPITA INCOME: \$270 U.S. CURRENCY: 12.8 Rupees = \$1 Cdn.

INFLATION RATE: 9.0% UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: N/A REAL GDP: 5%

MAJOR TRADING PARTNERS (1988):

Exports (Total: \$12,300 mn U.S.)

Imports (Total: \$19,300 mn U.S.)

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

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2. USA 10%
3. UK 10%
4. W. Germany 8%
5. USSR 5%

CANADIAN TRADE STATISTICS: (in Cdn \$ mn.)

	1986	1987	1988
Exports	347,644	270,999	393,084
Imports	165,405	170,867	205,030
Balance	+182,239	+100,132	+188,054

MAIN SECTORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIAN BUSINESS:

1. Power
2. Food Processing
3. Oil and Gas
4. Telecommunications
5. Transportation
6. Electronics

EDC STATUS: Open for Sec 29 fin. & credits ins. CIDA STATUS: Country Program

Sec 31 concessional financing subject to established reference levels

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