

**EXCHANGE OF LETTERS CONSTITUTING AN
AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF INDIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE REGARDING
ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL
COOPERATION**

New Delhi, 26 January 1976

LETTER-1

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
Ministry of Commerce
New Delhi, the 26th January, 1976

EXCELLENCY,

I have the honour to refer to recent discussions between our two Governments concerning the Indo-French Committee on Economic and Technical Co-operation at an appropriate level and to suggest on behalf of the Government of India that such a Committee be set up at the Ministerial level with the following terms of reference :

"The Committee will :

- I. (a) identify ways and means of increasing the scope of economic and technical co-operation between India and France. This will include :
 - (i) analysis of the needs and resources of both the countries including the availability of raw materials, equipment and technology and study of the scope for co-operation between the two countries, particularly in the context of their development programmes,
 - (ii) identification and review of fields of manufacture where major production or technological gaps exist or are likely to develop in India and possibilities of

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- technological collaboration with French industrial groups in those fields including new fields of collaboration involving advanced technology,
- (iii) examination of possibilities for joint manufacturing programmes between industrial groups in both the countries with a view to taking maximum advantage of relative production costs in the two countries in the manufacture of various components and finished goods,
 - (iv) review and recommendation on technological collaboration possibilities in industrial research and development,
 - (v) consideration of the possibilities of setting up export-oriented joint collaboration under-takings in India, to promote exports to third country markets or of setting up joint ventures in third countries.
- (b) review the development, expansion and diversification of mutual economic relations which will include :
- (i) recommendations relating to promotional activities such as exchange of economic missions and delegations and participation in fairs and exhibitions,
 - (ii) steps for strengthening beneficial co-operation between the industrial enterprises, sales organizations and banking institutions on both sides,
 - (iii) steps to give the most efficient support to the promotional measures which may be undertaken by the exporters of both the countries, and in particular, to accord facilities to make their respective products known in each other's market.
- II. appoint, if necessary, for conducting its work *ad-hoc* working groups and organise studies on specific problems of mutual interest in the two countries.
- III. review the progress achieved in the implementation of the recommendations made by the Committee and accepted by the two Governments."

2. The members for each meeting of the Committee will be appointed by both Parties taking into consideration the agenda of the meeting concerned.
3. The Committee may appoint working groups at official's level to deal with specific aspects of mutual economic relations. The working groups shall report to the Committee.
4. The Committee will meet preferably once a year or as and when considered necessary, at a date convenient to both the parties, alternately in Paris and New Delhi.
5. The Committee will maintain close contact with the private as well as public sector organisations in both countries.
6. This arrangement may be terminated by either party by sending a written communication to that effect to the other party giving six month's notice in advance.

I shall be grateful for your confirmation that the foregoing meets with the approval of the Government of France and suggest that this letter and your reply to that effect will constitute an agreement between our two Governments on this subject.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-

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Minister of Commerce,
Government of India

H.E. Mr. RAYMOND BARRE,
Minister of Foreign Trade,
Government of the Republic of France

LETTER-2

REPUBLIC OF FRANCE

New Delhi the 26th January, 76

Mr. MINISTER,

I have the honour to refer to your letter reading as follows :

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I have the honour to confirm to you my agreement on the above text.

Please accept, Mr. Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sd/-

RAYMOND BARRE,
Minister of Foreign Trade
Government of the Republic of France
