

## Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

(including expenses of participants and general expenses associated with travel)

Ministry	Executive Council	
Title of Travel	Meetings with the Canada-India Business Council and Ontario Premier Doug Ford	
Location	Toronto, ON	
Date(s)	October 28 - 30, 2018	
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Honourable Gordon Wyant, Q.C., Deputy Premier Shannon Andrews, Chief of Staff to the Premier Graham Stewart, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier Jodi Banks, Assistant Deputy Minister of International Relations and Trade, Ministry of Trade and Export Development	
Purpose of Travel	To participate in a program organized by the Canada-India Business Council and meet with Ontario Premier Doug Ford	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees)		\$3,665.53
Ground Travel (including taxis and parking)		\$75.00
Accommodation (including room charges, incidentals, related taxes and fees)		\$3,220.05
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$86.00
Miscellaneous (including temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, and other sundry expenditures)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$7,046.58
General Travel Expenditures		
Business Hosting Expenses (luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$7,046.58

## **Overview of Travel and Objectives**

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Premier Scott Moe travelled to Toronto to participate in a program organized by the Canada-India Business Council in advance of his mission to India November 23 – December 1, 2018.

The travel provided a unique opportunity to reinforce the importance that Saskatchewan (SK) places on its relationship with India, promote SK exports and highlight investment opportunities in the province.

For the past decade, SK has been Canada's top exporter to India. India represented SK's third-largest export market, with exports increasing in value by 15% between 2013 and 2017.

Objectives of the visit included:

- Highlighting the linkages and relationship between SK and India;
- Profiling the role SK plays in supporting India in its pursuit of food (and energy) security and acknowledging India as an important buyer of SK agriculture products, potash and uranium;
- Communicating SK's desire to expand and strengthen its relationship with India in the areas of investment, education and innovation;
- Participating in a roundtable meeting with a number of high profile executives that hold significant interests in both the Canadian and Indian market;
- Delivering a keynote speech at the Canada-India Business Council Diwali Gala; and,
- Meeting with Ontario Premier Doug Ford to discuss interprovincial trade.

### **Travel Activity:**

- During the travel to Toronto, the Premier and Deputy Premier participated in a CEO breakfast roundtable meeting with a group of high profile business executives to discuss the opportunities and challenges that exist in Canada's trade relationship with India. Participants included:
  - Mr. Soumen Roy, Country Head (Canada), Tata Consultancy Services;
  - Mr. Sriram Iyer, President and CEO, ICICI Bank of Canada;
  - Mr. John Farrow, Chair of the Board and President, LEA International Ltd.;
  - Mr. Chandran Ratnaswami, Managing Director, Hamblin Watsa Investment Counsel Ltd., and CEO, Fairfax India Holdings Corporation (Toronto);
  - Mr. Jeff Shell, Managing Director and Head, Global Financial Institutions Group, BMO Capital Markets;
  - Ms. Jodi Leblanc, Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, Taj Group, North America (New York City);
  - Ms. Christine Nakamura, Vice-President, Toronto Office, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada;
  - Dharna Dhamija, General Manager, TATA Sons, North America (New York City); and,

- Bambina Marcello, Director, Business Development, Air Canada.
- Mr. Kasi Rao, President and CEO; Ms. Patricia Koval, Chair, Mr. Gary Comerford, Vice-Chair; and Mr. Cam Rathee, Special Advisor, India, Toronto, Blakes LLP and Vice-Chair, Canada-India Business Council were also in attendance.
- The Premier had a bilateral meeting with Ontario Premier Doug Ford where they announced a Memorandum of Understanding to begin discussions on lowering/reducing interprovincial barriers.
- The Premier also attended the Canada-India Business Council's Annual Diwali Gala where he provided a keynote on SK's strong and enduring partnership with India to 215 prominent Canadian and Indian business figures, government officials, academics and members of the Indian diaspora. The Premier promoted his upcoming mission to India, including plans to participate in the Canada-India Business Council's Forum in Mumbai on November 29, 2018.

**Media:**

- An interview with the Business Standard, one of India's leading business dailies with a readership of over 500,000, was conducted.