

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Executive Council
Title of Travel	Mission to India
Location	Mumbai, Chandigarh and Delhi
Date(s)	February 24 – March 5, 2023
Participants	Honourable Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan Jeremy Brick, Director of External Relations, Executive Council Jodi Banks, Deputy Minister, Trade and Export Development (TED) (Delhi only) Richelle Bourgoin, Assistant Deputy Minister, TED Chantelle Patrick, Executive Director, TED (Mumbai and Chandigarh only)
Purpose of Travel	To advance Saskatchewan's (SK's) trade and investment interests with India and support the development of post-secondary and innovation linkages
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants	
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)	\$42,502.92
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)	\$2,033.89
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)	\$8,966.58
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)	\$2,379.63
Conference & Registration Fees	\$0.00
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)	\$689.15
Subtotal	\$56,572.17
General Travel Expenditures	
Business Hosting Expenses (expenses for luncheon and/or dinner meetings hosted by the Government of Saskatchewan, including food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, equipment, and entertainment)	\$333.34
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$333.34
TOTAL	\$56,905.51

Overview of Travel and Objectives

SK has been one of Canada's top exporters to India for the past decade – with exports valued at C\$1.4 billion in 2022. It is important that the Government of Saskatchewan maintains relationships and conducts missions to India regularly.

- India is a key buyer of our agricultural products – in 2022, the province was India's largest supplier of lentils;
- India is a key buyer of SK potash – in 2022, SK was India's largest supplier of potash and is a potential growth market due to the country's growing need for food; and
- as India works to expand its nuclear energy program, SK is well-positioned to meet the country's demand for uranium.

This was Premier Moe's second mission to India. Mission objectives included:

- promoting the SK-India trade relationship by showcasing SK strengths and opportunities in agriculture, mining, innovation and energy and highlighting the opportunity for SK to be a stable, sustainable and trusted partner of India in energy and food security;
- supporting SK uranium, and potash and ag tech companies in efforts to grow their exports to India;
- showcasing SK as a preferred destination for Indian investment; and
- advancing SK's post-secondary and innovation linkages.

Travel Activity

While in Mumbai, Premier Moe met with:

- The Consul General of Canada in Mumbai;
- Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd.;
- India's Department of Atomic Energy and India Rare Earth Limited (IREL); and
- Other current or potential Indian investors in SK.

While in Chandigarh, Premier Moe met with:

- The Consul General of Canada in Chandigarh; and,
- The Chief Minister of the State of Haryana.

He also participated in:

- A Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Ag Tech Roundtable with the Minister of Agriculture of Haryana State and a live demonstration of Clean Seed Capital Group's SMART Seeder agricultural technology;
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Signing Ceremony with Saskatchewan Polytechnic and three Indian post-secondary institutions (Shoolini University, IREU Education and Shri Vishwakarma Skill University);
- A University of Saskatchewan Roundtable on the connection between food, water, and energy and MOU signing between the University of Saskatchewan and one Indian post-secondary institution (Chandigarh University); and
- An interview with the Indian Express.

While in Delhi, Premier Moe met with:

- India's Minister of Commerce and Industry;
- India's Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare;
- India's Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers;
- India's Minister of State, Prime Minister's Office;
- India's Ministry of External Affairs, Secretary (East);
- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and
- Two other potential investors in SK.

He also:

- Provided remarks at a CII Roundtable on Innovation in Food Processing Technologies;
- Participated in a Roundtable on Critical Minerals and MOU signings between the University of Saskatchewan and two Indian post-secondary institutions (National Institute of Technology Jalandhar and the Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee);
- Provided remarks at a Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute event related to health clusters;
- Participated in a panel discussion related to trade at The Raisina Dialogue; and
- Provided remarks at an Indo-Canadian Business Chamber Annual Gala Dinner.