

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Agriculture	
Title of Travel	Mission to India and United Arab Emirates	
Location	Delhi and Dubai	
Date(s)	February 11-19, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Daryl Harrison, Minister of Agriculture William Greuel, Deputy Minister of Agriculture Jean-Michel Ferre, Chief of Staff to Minister Harrison	
Purpose of Travel	To reinforce Saskatchewan’s (SK’s) trade and investment relations with India and UAE and explore opportunities to further strengthen relationships during tariff threats from the United States.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$16,248.18
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$45.85
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$12,199.87
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$627.05
Conference & Registration Fees		\$1,937.94
Miscellaneous (including incidentals, parking, temporary cell phone upgrades, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and vaccination fees, and other sundry expenditures)		\$998.47
Subtotal		\$32,057.36
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)		\$0.00
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00
TOTAL		\$32,057.36

Overview of Travel and Objectives

India is a strategically important partner for SK and the province has been one of Canada's top exporters to the country for the past decade. In 2024, exports were valued at C\$1.5 billion and top exports included lentils (\$529.8 million [M]), dried peas (\$479.9M), and potash (\$411.7M).

As India works to expand its nuclear energy program, SK is well-positioned to meet its demand for uranium.

The UAE also continues to be a significantly important partner for SK and opportunities exist for cooperation across several areas including trade, investment, clean energy and agricultural innovation. In 2024, SK's exports to the UAE were valued at \$454.5M, a 24.3% increase compared to 2023. Top exports included lentils (\$221.1M), canola seed (\$124.0M) and non-durum wheat (\$37.6M).

Mission objectives included:

- Reaffirming SK's commitment to the SK-India and SK-UAE trade relationships and exploring opportunities to further expand SK exports into these countries;
- Underscoring SK strengths as a trusted partner in agriculture, agri-value, mining, innovation and energy in meetings with government and industry representatives in Delhi and Dubai;
- Reconnecting with key stakeholders in the agri-food industry at the Pulses Conclave in Delhi and Gulfood in Dubai to develop and reinforce relationships and better understand stakeholder needs and challenges;
- Promoting SK's India and UAE offices, in meetings with industry and government; and
- Showcasing SK as a preferred destination for investment from India and the UAE in meetings with existing and potential investors.

Travel Activity

- While in Delhi, Minister Harrison met with:
 - India's Ministry of Consumer Affairs;
 - Four major Indian pulse buyers and trade partners to discuss opportunities to strengthen trade linkages;
 - An Ag-tech company to explore the opportunity for investment in SK;
 - National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd;
 - Axiom Ex India;
 - Pulse Canada; and
 - The acting High Commissioner of Canada in India.

- The Minister also:
 - provided remarks at the India Pulses and Grains Association's 2025 Conference to reinforce SK's position as a trusted supplier of agri-food products and its ability to continue to meet India and the world's food security needs for years to come;
 - participated in a roundtable meeting with Northern Farmers Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) – a federation consisting of more than 40 FPOs and more than 12,000 farmers from North India;
 - provided a keynote address at the Indo-Canadian Business Chamber to promote SK as a trusted partner in food and energy security and highlighted the province's investment climate; and
 - witnessed the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between Sardar Patel Renewable Energy Research Institute and Axiom Ex to explore opportunities in hydrogen generation.
- While in Dubai, Minister Harrison met with:
 - the Consul General of Canada in Dubai;
 - longstanding partner organizations including Canada Business Council, Dubai and Canada Business Council, Abu Dhabi;
 - six commercial partners and significant buyers of SK pulses to reaffirm the province's commitment to continue to serve as a reliable supplier of high quality agri-food products to the UAE; and
 - two companies with potential interest in investing in SK.
- The Minister also:
 - participated in a roundtable meeting with the Canada-UAE Business Council to highlight SK's leadership in the agriculture and energy sectors and explore opportunities for collaboration and investment;
 - provided remarks at the Canada Beef Gulfood reception to profile SK's strengths in the agriculture and beef sector and highlight ongoing innovation in the sector;
 - attended a SK Gulfood networking reception to meet with the new and existing partners and reinforce SK's commitment to continue to be a trusted food security partner to the UAE and the globe for many years to come;
 - participated in a roundtable with major UAE agri-food stakeholders to discuss trends in food and agriculture and identify potential areas of collaboration;
 - provided remarks at the Arab and India Spices reception to promote SK global leadership in agriculture and highlight opportunities to further deepen SK-UAE engagement and linkages; and
 - met with SK-based companies with exhibitor stands at Gulfood.