

Out-of-Province Ministerial Travel

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

Ministry	Ministry of Trade and Export Development	
Title of Travel	Canada-India Business Council (C-IBC) Western Canada-India Leaders’ Summit	
Location	Vancouver, British Columbia	
Date(s)	April 3-5, 2025	
Participants	Honourable Warren Kaeding, Minister of Trade and Export Development Ryan Cossitt, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Engagement, Trade and Export Development	
Purpose of Travel	Participate in the C-IBC Western Canada-India Leaders Summit, meet and engage with key interlocutors of the Saskatchewan (SK)-India relationship and reinforce SK’s long-term commitment to India to ensure diversified market access for SK goods.	
Total Travel Expenditures for Participants		
Air Travel (including airfare and airport service fees, baggage fees)		\$2,196.04
Ground Travel (including taxis, car rentals, trains and buses)		\$96.91
Accommodation (including room charges and all related taxes and fees)		\$1,182.28
Meals (personal per diem meal claims)		\$120.00
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)		\$0.00
Subtotal		\$3,595.23
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)		\$266.55
Miscellaneous (Including meeting rooms, translator and interpreter fees, police security, publications, shipping charges, gifts)		\$2,079.70
Subtotal		\$2,346.25
TOTAL		\$5,941.48

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 nearly C\$1.47 billion and top exports included lentils (\$529.8 million [M]), dried peas (\$479.7M), and potash (\$402.2M).

It is important that the Government of Saskatchewan maintain engagement with key Indian business and organizations and continue to explore the significant opportunities to deepen the cooperation between SK and India.

Mission objectives included:

- participating in the C-IBC Western Canada-India Leaders' Summit to profile SK's growing relationship with India;
- reinforcing SK's commitment to India through meetings with key stakeholders and partners; and,
- exploring opportunities to diversify markets to which SK exports its products through engagement with international partners.

Travel Activity

- While in Vancouver, Minister Kaeding participated in:
 - the C-IBC Western Leaders Summit where he provided keynote remarks;
 - a roundtable with nine Consuls General in Vancouver to discuss opportunities to grow SK's linkages with its international partners; and,
 - engagement with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority operations centre.
- The Minister also met with:
 - a company with a potential investment interest in SK;
 - Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to highlight the importance of trade to SK's economy and discuss the efficient flow of goods through the port of Vancouver;
 - Western Transportation Advisory Council to discuss the opportunity to strengthen Canada's transportation infrastructure including the opportunity to build the country's resiliency against tariffs from trading partners, including the United States; and,
 - two member companies of the C-IBC to explore opportunities for increased collaboration.