Abstract of the Ph.D. Thesis

"An Analytical Study of Indo-African Trade & Economic Relations"

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Economic and trade relation between India and Africa have witnessed a steady growth in the recent years. Indo-Africa trade stood at $ 967 million in 1991. By 2006-07, India’s export to Africa stood at $ 8.4 billion, while import aggregated $ 11.4 billion, having almost doubled since the previous year. The current level of bilateral trade stands around US $ 36 billion (2007-08). Recognizing the vast potential existing between the two region, both the sides have agreed to increase the level of bilateral trade to US $ 90 billion (2014). Africa has a significant place for India’s foreign trade. Thus, Indo-African cooperation and bilateral relations have reached the billion $ last year and that many Indian conglomerates have already expressed interest in investing in Africa such as Birla, BHEL, Tata Motors, etc.

In this research, an attempt has been made to analyze the Indian trade and economic relation with African Countries and to explore the potential for future trade opportunities with African continued.

The first chapter deals with the Introduction of International Trade, Concept of Foreign Trade, Importance of Import-Export, History of Indo-African countries trade and economic relation and relevance of the present research work.

The second chapter present review of literature, objectives of study, hypothesis, research methodology and introduction of study area.

The third chapter analyzed the Export-Import with selected African countries like Benin, Egypt, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia with the help of statistical
tool such as Percentage, Arithmetic mean, Standard deviation, t-test, Co-relation coefficient, t-test for paired data and regression line.

**Fourth chapter** deals with the economic co-operation and economic relation between India and African countries.

**Fifth chapter** outlined the constraints of the trade between India and African countries such as constraints for the export (lack of raw material, high cost of production lack of domestic support etc.), determinants to Import, Problems of Transportation and communication, problems of payment and clearing arrangements and other constraints.

**Sixth chapter** highlights the prospects of foreign trade and economic co-operation between India and African countries.

**Seventh chapter** gives a findings of the research and a set of suggestions for enhancing India and African countries trade.

**Findings**

The export from India to Benin, Kenya, Sudan and Zambia found to be more while the import from Egypt and Tanzania found more as compared to export.

Exports and Imports both may be estimated on the basis of time which help to improve the trade of India with all the six countries.

As per the results of the study, there is a positive relationship between India and African countries (Benin, Kenya, Sudan and Zambia) in terms of trade and economic relation. Government of India plays an immense role for strengthening trade and economic relation between India – Egypt, India-Tanzania.

**Suggestions**

India and Benin may benefit through cooperation in supply of inputs for production and market.

India and Egypt and Tanzania may improve their tariff and non-tariff structure under a liberalized trade policy.

**Summary**