

## Muzaffarabad delegation returns after 'successful' visit

A business delegation from Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-administered Kashmir returned home Thursday after a 'successful and encouraging' week-long visit to Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the launch of cross-Line of Control (LoC) trade next week.

The 19-member delegation, headed by Zulfiqar Abbasi, had arrived here Oct 9 to discuss the modalities of cross-LoC trade with traders in summer capital [Srinagar](#) and winter capital Jammu.

They visited the fruit market in Sopore in north Kashmir, the largest such in the Valley.

'Our visit has been both successful and encouraging. A new chapter in the history of Kashmir is about to be written in golden letters,' Abbasi told reporters in Sopore.

'We have been received with open arms both in Srinagar and Jammu. We are carrying back those wonderful memories with us,' he said.

The delegation crossed the LoC at the Kaman Post near the border town of Uri, using the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad bus service.

The service between the two parts of divided Kashmir was also used by 83 other passengers, 47 going from here to Muzaffarabad and 36 coming here.

Cross LoC trade through the Srinagar-Muzaffarabad and Poonch-Rawalakote routes is scheduled to begin Oct 21.

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