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Punjab National Bank (PNB) is setting up a 100% banking subsidiary in Canada to do business with the Punjabi diaspora and other non-residents Indians (NRIs) residing there. The process of setting up the subsidiary may be over by December 2010, according to the PNB chief. The bank may start operation with one or two branches in Canada.

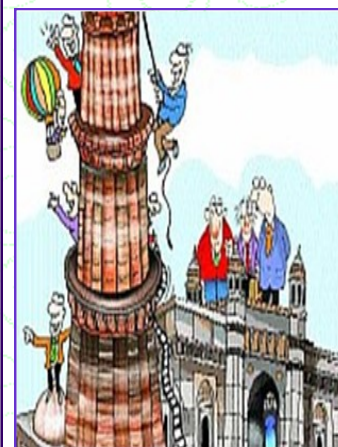
The Supreme Court has ruled that the absence of a signed contract between the parties should not come in the way of arbitration for resolving the disputes. The intention of the parties forming such a contract is to be considered in order to decide the issue of arbitration, said apex court.

More Companies Set Shop in NCR Than Maharashtra

Delhi has quietly become the new Bombay as Mumbai gets busy tilting at self-made windmills. For the first time, Delhi, along with its satellite, Gurgaon, has overcome the entire Maharashtra in terms of the number of registered firms.

According to data from the Registrar of Companies (RoC), around 44,000 new companies were founded in the national Capital region (NCR) in the first nine months of the financial year, which is four times that of Maharashtra. The gap could widen if the numbers for Noida, the third member of the NCR triad, are factored in.

As of March 31, 2009, Maharashtra housed 1.76 lakh firms compared to Delhi, which had 1.57 lakh firms, and Haryana with 8,645 companies. By January 2010, Delhi combined with Haryana had become home to a total of 2.09 lakh companies, far ahead of Maharashtra, which has 1.87 lakh companies.



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“Once the contract is concluded orally or in writing, the mere fact that a formal contract has to be prepared and initialled by the parties would not affect either the acceptance of the contract so entered into or implementation thereof, even if the formal contract has never been initialled,” said Justice P Sathasivam.

“In the absence of signed agreement between the parties, it would be possible to infer from various documents duly approved and signed by the parties in the form of exchange of emails, letter, telex, telegrams and other means of telecommunication,” court said.