

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 414
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Discussion with EU, UK and US for Free Trade Agreement

414. DR. THIRUMAAVALAVAN THOLKAPPIYAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had any discussion with the European Union (EU), United Kingdom (UK) and United States of America (USA) relating to Free Trade Agreement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement reached with any of these countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of benefit reaped or expected to be reaped by India?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d): India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations have been successfully concluded in May 2025. Negotiations for the FTA with the EU and Bilateral Trade Agreement with the USA are ongoing.

The India-UK Free Trade Agreement is a modern and comprehensive agreement aimed at deep economic integration through trade liberalization and tariff concessions. More than 99% of Indian exports are expected to benefit from tariff liberalization under the FTA including improved export opportunities in labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, auto parts, and chemicals. The FTA will also support services exports due to commitments across trade in services such as IT/ITeS, financial services, professional services, other business services and educational services. This Agreement will benefit Indian farmers, fishermen, workers, MSMEs, startups and innovators.

India-European Union (EU) Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations commenced in June 2022. Twelve rounds of negotiations have been held till recently, the last being from 7-11 July, 2025 at Brussels.

India US bilateral Trade Agreement negotiations were launched in March 2025. Five rounds of negotiations have been held, the last being from July 14-18th 2025 at Washington.
