

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 434
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025

INDIA UK FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

434. SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

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

- a. whether India and UK entered into Free Trade Agreement;
- b. if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the FTA;
- c. the reasons that the Government has not yet put the FTA in the public domain;
- d. the final outcome in the FTA with regard to Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism;
- e. the time by which the FTA will come into force;
- f. the manner in which India-UK FTA is different from UK-Australia and UK-New Zealand FTAs; and
- g. whether India-US Free Trade Agreement has been signed and, if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the FTA?

ANSWER

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

a & b: The Prime Ministers of India and UK have announced the successful conclusion of India-UK FTA negotiations on 6th May 2025. The FTA with the UK is a modern, comprehensive and landmark agreement which seeks to achieve deep economic integration along with trade liberalisation and tariff concessions. The FTA ensures comprehensive market access for goods, across all sectors, covering all of India's export interests. The FTA seeks to promote good regulatory practices and enhance transparency that are in sync with India's own focus on domestic reforms to enhance the ease of doing business.

c: As per standard practice, the FTA documents are put in public domain after formal signing of the agreement.

d: The government of India takes care of all the sensitivities associated with the FTA and ensures that India's interests are protected.

e: The FTA comes into force after signing and ratification by both the countries.

f: Every FTA is unique and is based on specific dynamics of trade and is aimed at maximizing benefits for both nations.

g: India and US are negotiating a Bilateral Trade Agreement which has not been signed as yet.
