

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4161
ANSWERED ON 19/08/2025

US TRADE AGREEMENT AND IMPACT ON INDIAN AGRICULTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering a trade agreement with the US related to agriculture and farming, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has assessed the impact of a fair trade agreement with the US on India's rural economy, farmers and the agriculture sector, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has consulted economists and agriculture farming experts before proposing the terms of a bilateral trade agreement with the US, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) India and USA are negotiating a multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). As a part of negotiations, among other things, both sides are engaged in discussions on liberalization of trade in goods including non-sensitive agricultural products, with the aim to expand trade and deepen the India-US trade relationship.

(b) & (c) Government is engaged with all relevant stakeholders including agriculture, farming experts, to assess the interests and requirements of India's rural economy, farmers and agricultural sector. Government is committed to take all necessary steps to secure and advance country's national interest and protect the welfare of our farmers, rural economy and agriculture sector.
