

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1497**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**REVIVAL OF USA-INDIA TPF**

1497. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has recently held discussions to revive USA-India Trade Policy Forum (TPF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there was any visit in the recent past by USA high level delegation representing TPF; and
- (d) the mutual agreements arrived at?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a) & (b):** Yes, Sir. The 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial level meeting of the India-USA Trade Policy Forum (TPF) was held recently on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021 in New Delhi, after a gap of almost 4 years. It was co-chaired by the Indian Commerce and Industry Minister and the United States Trade Representative. The Ministers underlined the significance of TPF in forging robust bilateral trade ties and enhancing the bilateral economic relationship.

**(c):** Yes, Sir. A delegation from USA led by the United States Trade Representative visited India during 22-23 November 2021, and participated in the TPF Meeting.

**(d):** In the TPF held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2021, the Ministers reviewed the developments across the canvass of outstanding bilateral trade issues, and also reached convergence on certain market access issues from both sides. India and the U.S. also agreed to reactivate the TPF Working Groups, in order to discuss and address the outstanding and emerging issues of mutual concern on a continuous basis.

A TPF Joint Statement covering the ambit of bilateral trade and commercial issues and way forward was released. The Joint Statement is available at <https://commerce.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/TPF-Joint-Statement-2021-Nov-23-Final.pdf>

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