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

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2765 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023

### BOOSTING TRADE TIES BETWEEN INDIA AND GERMANY

### 2765 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

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

- (a) the details of talks held on bilateral trade recently in New Delhi between Prime Minister and German Chancellor;
- (b) whether any Free Trade Agreement (FTA) was signed to boost trade ties;
- (c) the progress of discussion for concluding India-European Union FTA; and
- (d) whether any bilateral trade agreement has been signed for strengthening economic trade between the two countries, if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

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

- (a) The leaders discussed the strengthening of economic relations between the two countries. The German Chancellor expressed his support for the India-EU FTA.
- **(b)** A Free Trade Agreement is being negotiated with the European Union, a trading bloc which Germany is a member of.
- (c) Four rounds of negotiation for FTA between India and European Union have held so for.
- (d) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (b) of the question above.

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