

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1469**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 15/12/2023**

**FREE-TRADE AGREEMENT WITH UK**

**1469. SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:**

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

- (a) the status of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with UK; and
- (b) the main bottlenecks in finalizing the same?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (b)** India and the UK are negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) since 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 12 rounds of negotiations have been held so far and 13<sup>th</sup> round of negotiations began on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The negotiations have progressed well and both sides are rigorously engaged to work out a trade deal that is fair, equitable and mutually beneficial, which takes into consideration the ambitions and sensitivities of both the sides.

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