

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-2323
ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2025

VISIT OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION PRESIDENT

2323. SHRI ASHOKRAO SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) details of major agreements signed during the visit of European Commission President to India recently;
- (b) whether India and European Union has signed/proposes to sign any Free Trade Agreement;
- (c) if so, the salient features of the said trade agreement;
- (d) whether India and European Union has also signed an agreement on security and defence partnership, artificial intelligence and the inter operation ability of digital public infrastructure and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the manner in which the said free trade agreement with European Union will be helpful in realising India's aim of achieving the status of developed nation?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & d) At the invitation of Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi, President of the European Commission, H.E. Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, accompanied by the European Union College of Commissioners, paid an official visit to India on 27-28 February 2025. This was the first ever visit of the EU College of Commissioners together to India. During the visit, Prime Minister held delegation level talks with President Ursula von der Leyen. The second ministerial meeting of the India – EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) and bilateral ministerial meetings between the European Commissioners and their Indian counterparts were also held during the visit.

During the meetings, all areas of bilateral co-operation as well as global and regional developments of mutual interests were discussed. These included trade and investment; critical and emerging technologies including AI, Semiconductors and DPI; clean and green energy; defence and security; sustainable infrastructure; talent mobility; skilling and people to people ties. No Agreements were signed during the visit. A Leaders' statement and a Joint Statement on the Second Ministerial Meeting of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council were issued at the conclusion of the visit.

(b & c & e) India and European Union have resumed Free Trade Agreement negotiations in June 2022. Ten Rounds of Negotiation have been held till date. The last Round of Negotiation was held from 10th-14th March, 2025 at Brussels. The proposed FTA is aimed at strengthening trade and investment linkages between India and the EU and support supply chain resilience through enhanced economic cooperation.
