

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2824
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th MARCH, 2017

DISCUSSION ON TRADE RELATED ISSUES

2824. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether any discussion has been held with Indian Ambassadors in European countries on trade related issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the deliberations covered a range of trade issues including matters pertaining to institutional mechanism, market access issues and Free Trade Agreement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the point of view put forward by these Ambassadors?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) & (b) Yes Madam. Discussions were held with Ambassadors of India to European countries through video conference on 26th August, 2016 led by the Commerce Secretary.

(c)& (d) The deliberations covered a range of trade issues including matters pertaining to review of institutional mechanism, market access issues, free trade agreements especially India-European Union Broad-based Bilateral Trade & Investment Agreement (India-EU BTIA) and India European Free Trade Association Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (India-EFTA TEPA), Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) and forthcoming high level visits. The Ambassadors unanimously welcomed the initiative of holding such a meeting.
