

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4913
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th MARCH, 2018

INDIA-UK TRADE TALKS

4913. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether India and the United Kingdom (UK) has held trade talks in Brexit's shadow;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the two countries look for opportunities to boost trade and investment, including via a potential free trade agreement as Britain prepares to leave the European Union; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) to (d): Till the time United Kingdom (UK) formally exits from the European Union (EU), India and UK cannot initiate negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement. Under the India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO), a Joint Working Group on trade between India and UK has been constituted to discuss bilateral trade issues.
