

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1246**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**FTA WITH UK**

1246. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) the current status of negotiations with the United Kingdom (UK) in concluding a Free Trade Agreement (FTA);
- (b) the reasons for not concluding the FTA on or before the occasion of Diwali, 2022;
- (c) whether the Government is taking the issue of migration of Indian students and working professionals to the UK, in the negotiations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

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

(a) to (e): India and the UK are negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) since 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. 5 rounds of negotiations have been held so far. Both sides are engaged and working together with the aim to achieve a fair and equitable FTA. Trade in Services, including movement of natural persons, is one of the areas under negotiations based on overall package of gains and give-aways, which takes into consideration the ambitions and sensitivities of both the sides.

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