

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2197
ANSWERED ON 02/08/2023

EFFECT OF US SANCTIONS ON INDIAN TRADE

2197. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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

- (a) whether trade with Russia has been affected due to sanctions by the United States of America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of measures being taken by the Government to protect India's trade interests?

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 (d): India's trade with Russia has been affected due to the difficulties in payment because of sanctions on major Russian banks including their disconnection from SWIFT; problems in insurance and re-insurance coverage; and logistics, as the major shipping and logistics companies do not serve Russia bound cargo.

Government of India has taken several steps to not only sustain but to increase our exports to Russia, including payments in national currencies, smooth operationalization of the International North South Transport Corridor and the Eastern Maritime (Chennai-Vladivostok) Corridor. On 11 July, 2022, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had issued guidelines for opening Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) by foreign banks in Indian commercial banks. As of 2 July, 2023, RBI has approved 34 applications from different Russian banks for opening SRVA in 14 Indian commercial banks. Additionally, multiple meetings have been held with traders, banks and other stakeholders to resolve trade related issues.
