

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2202
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

LIMITED TRADE PACKAGE

2202. DR. T. R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and the US are finalising a limited trade package, centred around medical devices and agricultural products, that is expected to be unveiled during US President's visit to India in the third week of February, 2020;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has any proposal to discuss the issue of student/study visa and employment visa in the said visit; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN]**

(a) to (d) The Joint Statement issued on 25 February 2020 in connection with the State Visit to India by the President of the United States of America, Donald J. Trump, states that Prime Minister Modi and President Trump "agreed to promptly conclude the ongoing negotiations, which they hope can become phase one of a comprehensive bilateral trade agreement that reflects the true ambition and full potential of the bilateral commercial relations, advancing prosperity, investment, and job creation in both countries."

Both sides also expressed their desire to increase higher education collaboration and educational exchange opportunities, and welcomed the recent growth in the number of Indian students in the United States.

During the visit, Prime Minister spoke about the role played by the Indian Diaspora in strengthening people-to-people relations between India and the U.S. and their contributions to the mainstream of U.S. economy and society through their talent, hard work and democratic and cultural values. He also requested President Trump to take forward the discussion on a totalisation agreement on social security contribution of Indian professionals in the U.S..
