

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2579
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th MARCH, 2021

BILATERAL TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND UK

2579. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWA HA:
SHRI RAVI KISHAN:
SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA B ARNE:
SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether India and UK have discussed trade and investment relationship between the two countries and if so, the details in this regard;
- (b) whether both the countries have accelerated the process towards launch of the Exchange Trade Products (ETP) and committed to interact on a regular basis, while identifying quick and concrete bilateral deliverables that could cement the ETP and immediately benefit the people of both countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the details of benefits accrued to India in this regard;
- (d) whether both the countries have committed to re-launch the CEO Forum and agreed on the CEO Forum meeting in the near future and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to boost the relations between UK and India in other fields?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (e): In the meeting between the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Government of India and Secretary of State for International Trade, UK held on 6th February 2021 in New Delhi, discussions were held on the India-UK bilateral trade and investment relationship. Both Ministers reiterated their commitment to a long term India-UK partnership and agreed to deepen trade cooperation between the two countries through an Enhanced Trade Partnership (ETP).

The Ministers also committed to relaunch the India-UK CEO Forum and agreed on its meeting at the earliest. Government is actively engaged to discuss all trade matters with the UK for furtherance of India's economic relations with the UK.
