

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 161
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd FEBRUARY, 2022

2 Vs 2 AGRI MARKET ACCESS

161. DR. T.R.PAARIVENDHAR:

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

- (a) whether is it true that United States has approved import of mangoes and pomegranates from India in exchange of supply of cherries, alfalfa hay, pork and pork products to India in pursuant to the 12th India-US Trade Policy Forum meeting held in November, 2021 for implementing the “2 Vs 2” Agri market access;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the advantages and adverse effects in the Indian economy by implementing the above trade agreements; and
- (c) the terms and conditions of export and import in the above trade agreements?

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), (b) and (c): During the 12th India – U.S. Trade Policy Forum (TPF) meeting held in November, 2021, both the countries agreed to finalize work on market access facilitation for mangoes, pomegranates and pomegranate arils from India and cherries and alfalfa hay from the United States. In addition, U.S. agreed to work to complete market access for table grapes from India to the United States, and India agreed to work to finalize the export certificate to allow the importation of pork and pork products from USA.

In pursuance of the above, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and U.S. Department of Agriculture have signed a framework agreement for implementing the market access issues i.e., inspection / oversight transfer for Indian mangoes and pomegranates and market access for pomegranate arils from India, and market access for cherries and alfalfa hay from USA. Further, as agreed in the TPF meeting, both sides are in the process of finalizing the Veterinary Health Certificate for export of pork and pork products from USA. Similarly, the U.S. is also working on providing market access for table grapes from India.

These measures are likely to boost bilateral trade between India and the U.S., benefiting both the countries.
