

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5525**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 06<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2022**

**TRADE DISCUSSIONS**

5525. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

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

- (a) whether India is discussing some fresh trade investments and economic issues individually with each of its neighboring countries, i.e., China, Bhutan, Nepal, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar; and
- (b) if so, the details of the projects and programmes on which the discussions have been held so far in the last four years and the outcome thereof?

**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 (b): Yes Sir, Department of Commerce has bilateral institutional mechanism with several countries including its neighboring countries, except with Pakistan, under which discussions on trade, investment and economic issues are held at mutual convenience. Various such bilateral meetings have been held in last four years, in which the trade, investment and economic issues of mutual interest such as strengthening of border trade infrastructure, technical barriers to trade (TBT), sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, cooperation in customs, facilitation of trade through railways, land and sea ports, harmonization of standards, etc have been discussed from time to time. Resolution of these issues and implementation of various projects and programs of mutual interests has yielded positive outcomes which is reflected in India's increasing total trade with these countries i.e from USD 112.15 billion in the year 2017-18 to USD 135.77 billion in April 2021- Feb 2022(Provisional).

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