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US-INDIA PARTNERSHIP IN TECHNOLOGY AND DEFENSE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the specific initiatives being pursued to enhance the US-India partnership in technology and defense particularly in light of the recent discussions with US officials;**
- (b) whether any specific areas of cooperation are anticipated to further strengthen the said partnership in the coming years;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether any measures are being taken to address the existing trade disputes between India and the US; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a to c) Technology has emerged as a significant pillar of India-US bilateral cooperation.

The India-U.S. Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET), launched in May 2022, is aimed at strengthening the strategic technology partnership and defence industrial cooperation between the two countries.

iCET seeks to bolster collaboration across governments, businesses, and academic institutions, with a focus on advanced technologies such as quantum computing, artificial intelligence, cyber security, 5G/6G, and space technologies.

Several initiatives are also being pursued to enhance the US-India defense technology partnership. Significant progress has been achieved under the US-India Defense Industrial Cooperation Roadmap, including the ongoing collaboration to advance priority co-production arrangements for jet engines, munitions, and ground mobility systems. There is also growing defense innovation collaboration between the two governments, businesses,

and academic institutions fostered by the India-U.S. Defense Acceleration Ecosystem (INDUS-X) initiative launched in 2023.

Both sides continue to be engaged to take forward collaboration in all major technology fields including semiconductors, civil and defense space, advanced telecommunications, biotechnology, clean energy, critical minerals, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum.

(d and e) All issues pertaining to bilateral trade between India and the U.S. are addressed through established bilateral mechanisms in a constructive manner. The India-U.S. Trade Policy Forum (TPF), established in 2005, serves as a principal platform towards this objective. The Forum is a platform to discuss all concerns related to tariff and non-tariff barriers (NTB), mutual recognition agreements (MRA), streamlining of customs procedure, sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, as well as issues related to resilient supply chains, good regulatory practices, trade facilitation, and transparency. In 2023, India and the United States resolved all seven outstanding trade disputes in the World Trade Organization (WTO) following bilateral discussions under the TPF.
