GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2582 ANSWERED ON 05/08/2025

DECLINE IN MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

2582. SHRI BALWANT BASWANT WANKHADE:

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

- (a) the steps being taken to mitigate the impact of decline in merchandise exports to the European Union and the United States on exporters;
- (b) the status of negotiations on Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United Kingdom and the European Union;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revise import duty on Chinese goods to prevent dumping; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) The merchandise exports to the European Union have shown an upward trend over the last five years increasing from USD 41.36 billion in FY 2020-21 to USD 75.76 billion in FY 2024-25. Similarly, the merchandise export to the USA have also shown an upward trend over the last five years increasing from USD 51.6 billion in FY 2020-21 to USD 86.5 billion in FY 2024-25.
- (b) India has signed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CEPA) with UK on 24th July 2025, after successful conclusion of negotiations. India and the European Union have been negotiating a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) since June 2022, and twelve rounds of the negotiations have been completed, last being in July 2025.
- (c) & (d) The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) conducts investigation to determine whether there is dumping and injury to the domestic industry. Based on their investigation, DGTR submits their final findings and recommendation to Ministry of Finance regarding imposition of anti-dumping duty. In compliance with WTO norms, general import duties are applied on MFN basis.
