

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2693
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05TH AUGUST 2025

INDO-US TRADE DEAL IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

2693. SHRI KULDEEP INDORA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several farmers' organisations across the country have demanded complete exclusion of agriculture sector from the Indo-US trade deal as it may lead to cheaper if American products coming to the Indian market, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of formal opinion sought by the Government from various farmer unions, cooperatives and State Governments on the said issue;
- (c) whether the Government has considered the possibility that if American agricultural products enter the open market, there could be a negative impact on both crop prices and income of Indian farmers; and
- (d) if not, whether the Government is formulating any clear policy to protect the interests of farmers, such as inclusion of income security guarantee, tariff protection and conditions giving priority to domestic production in this agreement?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): India is actively involved in the discussions on the India-USA Bilateral Trade Agreement which aims at expanding trade and investment and deepening the U.S. - India trade relationship to promote growth that ensures fairness, national security and job creation, especially in labour intensive sector including agricultural products. The ongoing discussions are focussed on how to take an integrated approach to strengthen and deepen bilateral trade by mutually increasing market access, reducing tariff and non-tariff barriers, and deepening supply chain integration.

Further, the livelihood interests of our farmers and requirements of food security have always been paramount for the Government while negotiating trade agreements with our international partners including the US.
