

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4669
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th MARCH, 2023

US COOPERATION IN VARIOUS SECTORS

4669. SHRI UPENDRA SINGH RAWAT:

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

- (a) whether a meeting was recently held with the US Secretary of Commerce to discuss cooperation in various sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the benefits towards unlocking new trading and investment opportunities through these interactions;
- (d) the details of the meetings held with representatives of different countries to improve cooperation in various business sectors in the last two years, year-wise; and
- (e) the benefits accrued to the country due to the interactions in this regard?

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) Yes sir,

(b) & (c) US Commerce Secretary led delegation visited New Delhi for the India US Commercial Dialogue on 10th March, 2023. The Commercial Dialogue was co-chaired by Minister, Commerce and Industry and US Commerce Secretary.

The Commercial Dialogue is a cooperative undertaking at Ministerial level between India and the US to facilitate regular discussion encompassing regular government to government meetings to be held in conjunction with private sector meetings, with an aim to facilitate trade, and maximize investment opportunities across a broad range of economic sectors.

After the meeting a Memorandum of Understanding between India and the United States of America establishing Semiconductor Supply Chain and Innovation Partnership under the Framework of India-USA Commercial Dialogue was signed. The MoU aims to leverage

complementary strengths of both countries and facilitate commercial opportunities and development of semiconductor innovation ecosystems through discussions on various aspects of semiconductor value chain. It envisages mutually beneficial R&D, talent and skill development.

After the Commercial Dialogue a Joint Statement was issued. As per the Joint Statement, both sides announced the launch of a new Working Group on Talent, Innovation and Inclusive Growth furthering the cooperation on Start-ups, SMEs, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The Travel and Tourism Working Group was re-launched to collaborate in travel and tourism sector. Both sides also discussed cooperation in standards, climate and clean technologies and clean energy facilitating business to business partnerships. The Joint Statement is available at: <https://commerce.gov.in/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Final-Joint-Statement-Commercial-Dialogue-10.03.2023-1650hrs.pdf>

(d) Bilateral meetings are ongoing process to sort out issues related to trade, promote bilateral trade and investment relations and create other opportunities. Regular meetings are held at different levels however indicative list of the in-person meetings held with representatives of different countries in the last two years at the Ministerial level in Department of Commerce are placed at Annex (List attached).

(e) The meeting between the representatives of different countries with their Indian counter parts helps to deepen trade and commercial cooperation between India and different countries and also provides opportunities to foreign investors to invest in the Indian market.

Annexure

Indicative List of Cabinet Minister and Minister of State level meetings with representatives of different countries by Department of Commerce in last two years.

S.No.	Meetings	Year
1	12 th Trade Policy Forum (TPF) held in November, 2021	2021
2	Meeting with USTR on the sidelines of G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting was held in Sorrento, Italy on 12 th October, 2021	2021
3	Meeting with US Secretary of Commerce on the sidelines of World Economic Forum Annual meeting 22-26 May, 2022	2022
4	Meeting with USTR on the sidelines of MC12 conference held from 12-17 June 2022 in Geneva	2022
5	Meeting with USTR and US Secretary of Commerce on the sidelines of IPEF Ministerial Meeting in Los Angeles, USA in September	2022
6	Meeting with US Secretary of Commerce during the visit to USA for holding TPF Meeting on 11 th January 2023	2023
7	13 th Trade Policy Forum meeting	2023
8	India-US 5th Commercial Dialogue on 10th March, 2023	2023
9	The India-Canada Annual Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) .	2022
10	Meeting with Canadian Trade Minister on the sidelines of MC12 conference held from 12-17 June 2022 in Geneva	2022
11	Meeting with Canadian Trade Minister at the sidelines of G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting (TIMM) in Bali, Indonesia in September 2022	2022
12	Meeting with Canadian Trade Minister at the sidelines of the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting was held in Sorrento, Italy on 12 th October, 2021	2021
13	Meeting Mexican Trade Minister on the sidelines of the G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting which was held in Sorrento, Italy on 12 th October, 2021	2021
14	Meeting with H.E. Mr. Muhammad Lutfi, Trade Minister of Indonesia during 11-12 October 2021 in G20 Trade and Investment Ministers Meeting in Italy.	2021
15	Meeting with Mr. Lawrence Wong, Finance Minister, Singapore on the sidelines of G20 summit in October 2021.	2021

16	Meeting with Malaysian Minister of Plantation, Industries and Commodities, Ms Zuraida Kamruddin on 22 nd February 2022 in New Delhi.	2022
17	Meeting with H.E. Mr. Muhammad Lutfi, Trade Minister of Indonesia on the sidelines of DAVOS WEF in May 2022.	2022
18	Meeting with Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister of Singapore on 7 th July 2022 in New Delhi.	2022
19	Meetings with H.E Mr. Agus Gumiwang Kartasasmita, Industry Minister, Indonesia and H.E. Mr. Airlangga Hartato, Coordinating Minister during his visit on 8-9 September 2022 to Los Angeles for IPEF Ministerial meeting.	2022
20	19th ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Meeting held on 16 th September 2022	2022
21	CIM along with Hon'ble FM and Hon'ble EAM had a 3+3 India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) on 17 th September 2022 in New Delhi. From Singapore, Mr Lawrence Wong, Minister for Finance, Government of Singapore along with Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Trade and Industry, Mr S Iswaran, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations and Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Singapore were in the ISMR.	2022
22	CIM had Meeting with H.E. Mr. Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Trade, Indonesia on the sidelines on the sidelines of G20 TIIMM at Bali from 21-23rd September 2022.	2022
23	Meeting with H.E. Mr Gan Kim Yong, Minister for Trade and Industry, Singapore on 12 th March 2023 in New Delhi.	2023
24	Meeting with H.E. Mr. Zulkifli Hasan, Minister of Trade, Indonesia on 14 th March 2023 in New Delhi.	2023
25	Minister of Foreign Trade and Foreign Investment of the Republic of Cuba (MINCEX) with CIM held in New Delhi on 12.03.2020	2023
26	CIM with Dr. Nocolas Albertoni, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Uruguay held in New Delhi on 04.03.2023	2023
27	Ms. Anupriya Patel, State Minister with H.E. Mr. Alejandro Simancas Marian, Ambassador of Cuba in New Delhi on 31.05.2022	2022
28	CIM with Mr. Santiago Andres Cafiero, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Argentina in New Delhi on 25.04.2022	2022
29	CIM's meeting with Mr. Santiago Cafiero, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Argentina on Mercosur-India trade negotiation and ways to expand bilateral on 24.11.2021	2021
30	11th Meeting of the BRICS Trade Ministers (on virtual mode) on 03.09.2022	2021

31	On the sidelines of seventeenth edition of CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Partnership held on 19th and 20th July, 2022, bilateral meetings were held by MoS with Gabonese and Ethiopian counterparts on July, 2022	2022
32	India-Egypt Business Roundtable was also held on 25 th January, 2023	2023
33	10 th Session of India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was held on 11 th May, 2022 in New Delhi	2022
34	India-Oman Joint Business Council (JBC) was held on 12 th May, 2022 in New Delhi	2022
35	First Ministerial meeting of the Economy & Investment Committee under the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council (SPC) held in Riyadh on 18-19 September 2022	2022
36	Visit of HRH Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman Al Saud, Minister of Energy, Saudi Arabia, to India, on 21 st October, 2022 in New Delhi. Official engagements included Ministerial level meeting and Delegation level talks	2022
37	H.E. (Dr.) Nayef Al Hajraf, Secretary General, Gulf Cooperation Council, visited India in November 2021 and November 2022 and held bilateral meetings with Hon'ble Commerce and Industry Minister, Sri Piyush Goyal.	2021 and 2022
38	On the sidelines of the CII Partnership Summit held from 13-15 March 2023 in New Delhi, CIM met his counterparts from the UAE and Bahrain.	2023
39	Meeting between Trade Minister of Korea RP and CIM on 11 Jan 2022 to discuss the bilateral trade issues and review of progress of India Korea CEPA upgradation negotiations	2022
40	A meeting was held between the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, Govt. of Japan and CIM on 11 Sept 2022 to deepen the economic cooperation between the countries.	2022
41	Meeting of 17 th India – Australia Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC)	2021
42	Bilateral meetings between CIM and Australian Trade Minister Dan Tehan held on the side-lines of G20 Trade and Investment Ministerial Meeting (TIMM) on 12 October 2021	2021
43	Meeting between CIM and Dan Tehan , Australian Trade Minister on 01.12.2021	2021
44	Meeting between CIM and Tony Abbott AC, Australian Prime Minister's Special Envoy on 02.12.2021	2021

45	Meeting between CIM and Dan Tehan , Australian Trade Minister on during his visit to Australia from 6-9 April,2022	2022
46	Meeting of CIM with Mr Tony Abbot, former Prime Minister of Australia on 25 April 2022	2022
47	Bilateral meeting between CIM and Senator the Don Farrell, Australia Trade Minister in the sidelines of MC12 meeting held in Geneva during 12-15 June,2022	2022
48	Meeting between MoS(C&I) and Mr Roger Cook MLA, the Deputy Premier of the State of Western Australia and Minister for Trade, State Development and Tourism on 13.07.2022	2022
49	Meeting of CIM with Damien O'Connor, New Zealand Minister for Trade held on 20.09.2022	2022
50	Meeting between CIM and Australia Counterpart in connection with entry into force of ECTA on 29.12.2022	2022
51	Meeting of 18 th India – Australia Joint Ministerial Commission (JMC)	2023
