

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-US TALKS FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRADE  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to establish bilateral cooperation with USA in high technology trade;
- (b) whether the Indo - US talks were held in the matter;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the programme drawn up for the expansion of Indo - US bilateral cooperation in the high technology sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI MURASOLI MARAN )

(a), (b) and (c) : Indo-US trade in high technology is part of an on-going process of deepening of bilateral commercial relations. The Government has been supportive of bilateral ties between the two countries in the high technology trade sector.

(d) : At a meeting in Washington on 9.11.2001, the two Governments have agreed to discuss ways to stimulate bilateral high technology commerce. However, no further talks have been held so far.