

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

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TRADE RELATIONS WITH U.K.
NAGMANI

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government have taken any steps to improve the trade relations with U.K;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and;
- (c) the names of the areas in which the Indo-U.K. trade relations are proposed to be expanded?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI. MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b): It is Government's endeavor to improve trade relations with all its trading partners including UK. The measures to improve trade relations are on going activities on the part of the Government and the private sector. These include interaction with the trading partners, both at Govt. level and at business level, assistance for participation in international trade fairs, exchange of business delegations, conducting market survey, dissemination of commercial information, extending necessary facilities to commercial organizations etc.

(c): Areas for expansion of trade are pursued by the industry and trade depending on the potential. However, processed food products, electronic software, auto ancillaries, pharmaceuticals, speciality garments, value added granites etc. are some of the new areas for expansion of India's trade with EU countries including UK.