

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

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FTA WITH EU  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with European Union (EU), which is at negotiation stage, will include provision to safeguard the country's generic drug industry;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and alongwith the detailed provisions included in the FTA in this regard;
- (c) whether any hurdles are being faced by the Government in finalizing the FTA; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) A Broadbased Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) with European Union is under negotiation. Consultations with stakeholding Ministries, Departments, Associations, Export Promotion Bodies and Sector specific interest groups including the generic drug industry informs the process. Negotiations in all segments of the India EU BTIA are underway.