

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDO US TRADE

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

- (a) whether a ministerial level meeting was held between India and America recently to remove the differences between the two countries in economic and trade related areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India raised the issue of outsourcing, visa and Government patronage in this meeting; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (d) Minister for Commerce & Industry and the United States Trade Representative co-chaired the Ministerial meeting of the India-US Trade Policy Forum (TPF) at Washington DC on 21st September, 2010. During the meeting, both sides held comprehensive discussions on a wide range of issues and agreed to continue their dialogue to boost bilateral trade under five focus groups: Agriculture, Innovation and Creativity, Investment, Services and Tariff and non Tariff Barriers. India's concerns regarding restrictive trade practices of the US were taken up during the TPF meeting and in other bilateral engagements with the US side.