

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5514

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2010

INDO-US TRADE

Jakhar Shri Badri Ram ;Kumar Shri Kaushalendra;Ramkishun Shri ;Singh Shri Dushyant;Yadav Shri Dharmendra

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

- (a) whether India and the United States have formulated an action plan to step up cooperation in high technology areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the American Government has lifted sanction on State of the art and high tech technology from India;
- (d) the areas identified to step up bilateral trade with United States; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to boost the bilateral trade with US?

Answer

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

- (a) &(b) During the visit of the United States (US) President to India from 6-9 November 2010, both countries expressed their desire to increase high technology cooperation and trade and agreed to take mutual steps to expand India – U.S. cooperation in civil space, defense, and other high-technology sectors.
- (c) During the visit, the US announced a number of steps to ease controls on exports of dual use items and technologies to India. These include removing Indian entities from the U.S. Department of Commerce's "Entity List" and realignment of India in the U.S. export control regulations.
- (d) & (e) Bilateral trade and investment issues are discussed with the US under the India US Commercial Dialogue and India US Trade Policy Forum. Discussions under the India US Trade Policy Forum are structured under five focus groups: Agriculture, Innovation and Creativity, Investment and Tariff and Non -Tariff Barriers.