

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

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REQUEST FOR RELAXATION OF NORMS ON IMPORTS

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

- (a) whether the United States of America (USA) has urged India to relax the norms on a wide range of technical barriers to trade covering areas such as toys, cosmetics, wine and telecom equipment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to safeguard the interests of the Indian industries?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (c) : Requests related to trade and commercial issues have been received from the United States of America(USA) from time to time. These include requests related to tariff reductions and requests related to issues concerning sectors like Toys, Telecom, Information Technology and Non Conventional Energy. These requests are examined and appropriately acted upon keeping the national interest in mind.