

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1071  
ANSWERED ON:04.03.2013  
VISIT OF AMERICAN TRADE MISSION  
Bajirao Shri Patil Padamsinha

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

- (a) whether an American Trade Mission is likely to visit India for exploring the business opportunities in the infrastructure sector in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the said mission;
- (c) whether several business professionals particularly working in the service sector can be provided market access in each other's country only after a bilateral agreement relating to it had been signed;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether India has entered into any such agreement with the United States of America on the lines of General Agreement on Trade in Services; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the present position in this regard along with the response of the Government in the matter?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

- (a) & (b): No Madam. There is no record of likely visit of American Trade Mission to India for exploring the business opportunities in the infrastructure sector in the country.
- (c) & (d): The access in a country's market is governed by the domestic laws and regulations of a country and the obligations under General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) for the member country.
- (e) & (f) : India has not entered into any such agreement with the United States of America on the lines of GATS and no agreement is under consideration.