

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

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INDO US TRADE AGREEMENTS

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

- (a) whether any Indian delegation has recently visited the United States (US) to hold consultation and make agreements relating to bilateral trade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the consultations held and agreements signed in this regard during the said visit;
- (c) whether any decision was taken to form a Trade Policy Forum (TPF) to discuss trade and investment issues between the two countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. No Indian delegation from Department of Commerce has recently visited the United States to hold consultations and make agreements relating to bilateral trade.

(c)&(d): India-US TPF is already in existence since the time it was first established in July, 2005. The Indo-US TPF is designed to enhance bilateral trade and investment relations between India and the United States.

The 8th Ministerial Meeting of the TPF was recently held in New Delhi on 25th November, 2014. During the meeting a range of issues including Market Access for identified products, market access for pharmaceutical & traditional medicines and pharmacopeia besides Totalisation Agreement and US Immigration Reforms were discussed.