

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1499**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021**

**TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EUROPEAN UNION**

1499. SHRI K.J. ALPHONS:

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

- (a) the status of trade negotiations with European Union (EU);
- (b) the reasons for non-conclusion of negotiations which have been going on for a long time; and
- (c) the areas in which there is no meeting of minds?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) to (c): The India-European Union (EU) Broad based Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA) negotiations started in 2007 and 16 rounds of negotiations have been held so far. Due to some outstanding issues, EU withdrew from the negotiation in 2013. Multiple rounds of stock taking meetings have taken place in past few years. Recently, in India-EU Leaders' Meeting on 08.05.2021 in Porto, the Leaders have announced to resume negotiations for comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and launch negotiations for an Investment Protection Agreement (IPA) and agreement on Geographical Indications. India is committed to conclude a balanced and mutually beneficial FTA with the EU and willing to discuss all outstanding issues.

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