



Union Minister of Commerce and Industry holds bilateral meeting with UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Mr Peter J Kyle on the sidelines of WTO MC-14 in Yaounde, Cameroon

As UK completes parliamentary approval of India-UK CETA, both sides look forward to entry into force as per agreed timelines

Shri Goyal stressed on need for outreach initiatives to ensure that the benefits of CETA reaches maximum number of people

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On the sidelines of the 14th WTO Ministerial Conference held in Yaounde, Cameroon, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal held a bilateral meeting with the UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade Mr. Peter J Kyle. Both sides exchanged views on MC-14 agenda, reviewed progress of the implementation of the India-UK CETA signed in July 2025 by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Mr. Keir Starmer. Both the Ministers explored options for further enhancing bilateral trade & economic cooperation.

On the implementation of the India-UK CETA, Shri Goyal highlighted that India has completed all internal approvals and ratification processes for the India-UK FTA. Mr. Kyle informed that the UK has also completed parliamentary approval of the India-UK CETA. Both sides looked forward to the entry into force of India-UK CETA as per the agreed timelines. As part of enhancing the use of India-UK CETA by concerned stakeholders, Shri Goyal emphasised the importance of outreach plans to ensure that the benefits of CETA reach businesses across the length and breadth of India. In this context, Mr. Kyle also highlighted plans to organise business delegations and regional outreach activities, including engagements in Scotland and Manchester.

As part of exploring further enhancement of bilateral trade relations, Shri Goyal extended invitation to UK's businesses to explore investment and partnership opportunities across sectors and regions in India, including initiatives related to rural transformation.

On the MC-14 agenda, Shri Goyal and Mr Kyle agreed on maintaining inclusivity in evolving trade discussions within the WTO including on WTO reforms, moratorium on customs duties on electronic transmission and the moratorium on Non-violation and Situation Complaints under the TRIPS Agreement.

A productive interaction with Mr. Peter Kyle, UK Secretary of State for Business and Trade, on the sidelines of #WTOMC14.

Discussed key priorities under the MC14 agenda and reviewed progress towards the entry into force of the India-UK CETA, signed by PM @NarendraModi ji and PM... pic.twitter.com/ce1k8mHlbN

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