

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2272**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, 2019**

**IMPACT OF TRADE WAR BETWEEN US AND CHINA**

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

- (a) whether the current trade war between the US and China is bound to have its impact on the import and export of other countries, including India;
- (b) if so, how does Government propose to maintain its trade relations with the US as well as China; and
- (c) whether retaliatory tariffs increased by both the countries will impact the import of raw material by India from the two countries, particularly China?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): The current trade war between the US and China is likely to have its impact on the imports and exports of other countries, including India and may bring about a shift in their bilateral trading patterns and displacement of their bilaterally traded commodities to other countries. The retaliatory tariffs between US and China provides a window of opportunity for enhancing India's exports to China and US, particularly in products in which India is competitive.

(b): India believes in rule based trading system for promoting free and fair trade. India has robust economic ties with US as well as China and the economic relations are strengthened through continuous bilateral engagement for a mutually beneficial outcome.

(c): There should not be much impact on Indian imports due to Sino-US tariffs imposition, as both countries have increased tariffs directed at each other.

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