

India now offers 'no tariffs' to US: Trump

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INDIA KILLS THE US with tariffs and the country has now offered "no tariffs" to America, President Donald Trump has said, amid New Delhi's escalating tensions with Washington over his administration's policies on trade and tariffs.

"They have tariffs against us. China, which kills us with tariffs. India kills us with tariffs. Brazil kills us" with tariffs, Trump said in a telephone interview with The Scott Jennings Radio Show on Tuesday.

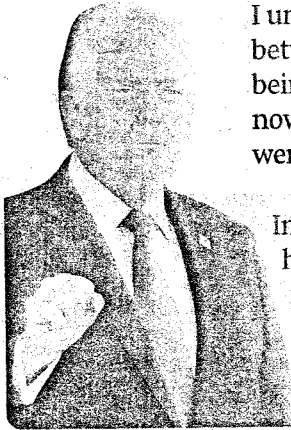
Trump added that he understands tariffs better than other countries.

"I understood tariffs better than any human being in the world. And now with my tariffs, they were all dropping them. India was the most highly tarified nation... And you know what, they've offered me no tariffs in India anymore. No tariffs," Trump said.

"If I didn't have tariffs, they would never make that offer. They would never make that offer. So you have to have tariffs. We're going to be economically strong," he added.

With a federal appeals court ruling that most of Trump's tariffs imposed on countries around the world are illegal, Trump said that the court case is sponsored by other nations because they're taking advantage

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Later, speaking at the White House, Trump said that America gets along with India very well, but the relationship was one-sided for many years since Delhi was charging Washington "tremendous tariffs".

"No, we get along with India very well," Trump said in response to a question on whether he is considering taking away some of the tariffs imposed on India.

He said that for many years, the relationship between India and the US was "one-sided" and that changed when he assumed office.

"India was charging us tremendous tariffs, about the highest in the world," Trump said, adding that the US was therefore not doing

much business with India.

"But they were doing business with us because we weren't charging them, foolishly, we weren't charging them," he said, adding that India was pouring its products into the US.

"They'd send it in, pour it into our country. Therefore, it wouldn't be made here, which is a negative, but we would not send in anything because they were charging us 100% tariffs," Trump said.

The US president cited the example of Harley Davidson motorcycles, saying the company couldn't sell into India because there was a 200% tariff on a motorcycle.

"So what happens? Harley Davidson went to India and built a motorcycle plant, and now they don't have to pay tariffs, same thing as us," he said. **PTI**