

India in talks with US on steel, aluminium tariff exemption

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India is in talks with the US to seek an exemption on steel and aluminium tariffs that were imposed by former US President Donald Trump, while offering withdrawal of some retaliatory tariffs, sources told *Reuters*.

Negotiators in New Delhi and Washington are *hoping to reach an agreement* during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US later this month, sources

India has offered to withdraw retaliatory tariffs on some agricultural goods such as almonds and wal-

nuts in exchange for exemption on steel tariffs, the government sources said.

However, US negotiators were not "flexible", leading to doubts over a possible exemption on tariffs on steel, one of the sources said.

TRADE MEASURES

India is willing to discuss other possible trade measures that the US officials may propose, sources said.

A top executive at a US industry group said he was not aware of "any serious contemplation" on the part of the US government on the tariff issue and said it was unlikely that they would consider such a request.