

Won't compromise on national interest for FTA, says Goyal

As the Diwali deadline approaches to conclude the trade talks with the UK, Trade Minister Piyush Goyal (*pictured*) on Friday said the government would not compromise on national interest in negotiations for free trade agreements (FTAs) just to meet deadlines. "FTAs to be entered into after thorough consultation with all stakeholders including industry and the government will not

diverge from this approach for the sake of deadlines," he said.

Goyal was speaking at the

meeting held to review India's export performance in the first six months of this financial year with representatives from export promotion councils and industry associations. His comments

come a day after Britain Home Secretary Suella Braverman cast doubts over the proposed FTA.

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