
INDIA-UK FTA: 'DETAILED' POLICY DISCUSSIONS HELD

The ninth round of India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations concluded with detailed discussions across a range of policy areas, the UK government said on Wednesday. A joint outcome statement issued by the Department for Business and Trade (DBT) revealed that Round 9 of the ongoing talks took place between April 24 and 28 in a

hybrid format, with some Indian officials travelling to London and others attending virtually. There is no date set for the 10th round of negotiations, which is likely to be hosted by New Delhi, also in a hybrid format. "In continuation of the eighth round of negotiations held during 20-31 March 2023 in New Delhi, the United Kingdom and the Republic of India held the

ninth round of talks during 24-28 April for a UK-India FTA," the DBT statement said. "As with previous rounds, these were conducted in a hybrid fashion – a number of officials from India travelled to London and others attended virtually. During the round, detailed discussions took place across a range of policy areas," it said.