

# 'Revised US factsheet reflects joint understanding on Ind-US trade framework'

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The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) stated that amendments to a US factsheet regarding the India-US interim trade framework now reflect the shared understanding of the agreement. MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasised that the original joint statement, issued on February 7, remains the definitive basis for mutual understanding. The clarification follows a period of diplomatic recalibration after Washington issued a factsheet on February 9 that appeared to go beyond the agreed terms—tightening language on digital trade, agricultural imports and India's \$500-billion import obligation.

The White House subsequently revised that document, dropping references to Indian imports of pulses,

softening language on digital trade commitments and replacing the definitive "will" with "intended" regarding the \$500-billion import target.

"The India-US joint statement on the framework for an interim agreement on reciprocal and mutually-beneficial trade was issued on February 7. The joint statement is the framework and remains the basis of our mutual understanding in the matter. Both sides will now work towards implementing this framework and finalising the interim agreement," Jaiswal said.