

Apple looks to source most US iPhones from India by '26-end

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Apple aims to make most of its iPhones sold in the United States (US) at factories in India by the end of 2026, and is speeding up those plans to navigate potentially higher tariffs in China, its main manufacturing base, a source told *Reuters*.

The US tech giant is holding urgent talks with contract manufacturers Foxconn and Tata to achieve that goal, the person, who declined to be named as the planning process is confidential, said on Friday.

Apple and Foxconn did not immediately respond to requests for comment, while Tata declined to comment.

Apple sells over 60 million iPhones in the US annually with roughly 80 per cent of them made in China currently.

Prime Minister Narendra

Modi has in recent years promoted India as a smartphone manufacturing hub, but higher duties on importing mobile phone parts compared to many other countries means it is still expensive for companies to produce in India.

For iPhones, manufacturing costs in India are 5-8 per cent higher than in China, with the difference rising to as much as 10 per cent in some cases, the source said.

Apple has already stepped up production in India to beat US President Donald Trump's tariffs, shipping some 600 tons of iPhones worth \$2 billion to the US in March. The shipments from India marked a record for both its contractors Tata and Foxconn, with the latter alone accounting for smartphones worth \$1.3 billion, *Reuters* reported last week.

India says no to transshipment of goods to other countries

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Friday that India will not allow irregular practices and trans-shipment of goods from its soil to other regions. "At no point of time, will we allow India to become a route for trans-shipment for breaking the rules of origin, so that other countries bring material into India, maybe do little bit of processing and supply it to a third country, calling it a made-in-India product," Goyal said. 4 ▶

