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Title: Issue regarding maintaining an open and multilateral globe trade regime by India.

**SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK):** Mr. Speaker Sir, the Chinese President, Xi Jinping and our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi are set to hold their second informal Summit in Varanasi on 12<sup>th</sup> October to energise ties following their meeting last month in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Prime Minister Modi will be meeting President Trump in United States in September during his visit to address the General Assembly of United Nations. On the side-lines of G20 Summit at Osaka, the top Advisor Ivanka Trump had stated India as ‘critical’ trading and security partner, and ally of America. Despite a contentious run-up and forbidding challenges, Indo-US relations post G20 meeting can claim decidedly a positive trajectory. The two Leaders have placed to work despite policy differences, and so is the situation with China. Prime Minister Modi’s first major international engagement after his electoral success was attending G20 Summit which revealed geo-political confrontation and competing national agendas. Yet, India’s two back- to-back tri-lateral talks one with President Trump and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, and the other with President Xi Jinping and President Putin, and subsequently, BRICS Summit, have demonstrated a convergence of interest on maintaining an open and multilateral globe trade regime which is very much in favour our interest. We are opposed to protectionism and unilateralism, and support more sovereign control over the digital economy. We look for issue-based coalitions and

interest-based partnerships. We have travelled a long way from non-aligned movement. Our foreign policy is in the domain of the executive. Yet, there is unanimity in political sphere.

Therefore, I urge upon this House, through you, to extend full support to our Prime Minister's endeavour in this regard. We should speak in one voice in this difficult time to further our national interest.

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