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Professional Bio



Anjni Alagh is a trade policy professional at the Centre for WTO Studies (CWS), Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), where she works with the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, on multilateral trade negotiations, WTO dispute settlement, and international trade law. Her work has focused particularly on the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, WTO disputes, trade in goods and services, and the WTO compatibility of domestic schemes and measures.

In her current role, Anjni has been substantively engaged in India's negotiations on the WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies and played a pivotal role in steering the domestic process culminating in India's acceptance of the Agreement. This included drafting the Cabinet Note, undertaking extensive stakeholder consultations, and facilitating the requisite legal and procedural steps for India's formal acceptance. These efforts culminated in India depositing its Instrument of Acceptance with the Director-General of the WTO on 20 July 2026, marking India's formal accession to the Agreement. She was also part of the core team involved in the research and drafting of India's proposals on fisheries subsidies, including documents RD/TN/RL/175, TN/RL/W/282, TN/RL/W/283, TN/RL/W/284 and TN/RL/W/286.

Anjni has represented the Ministry of Commerce as part of the Indian delegation at multiple WTO negotiations and meetings in Geneva, including the Fish Week negotiations in November and December 2023, the Fish Month negotiations in January–February 2024, the General Council meeting in July 2024, and the negotiations preceding the December 2024 General Council meeting. She also represented the Ministry of Commerce at the WTO's 14th Ministerial Conference in Yaoundé, Cameroon, as part of the Indian delegation for the Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, and assisted the Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry in bilateral meetings during the Ministerial.

In addition to her work on fisheries subsidies, Anjni has supported the Ministry of Commerce in WTO disputes concerning sugar and sugarcane (DS579, DS580 and DS581), the SL80 arbitration concerning Australia's modification of its schedule of specific commitments under GATS, DS588 concerning tariff treatment of certain ICT goods, and DS644 concerning measures relating to solar cells, solar modules and information technology sectors. She has also supported the preparation of India's fisheries subsidies notifications under Article 25 of the SCM Agreement and provided inputs on the WTO compatibility of schemes of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA). She was also an integral part of the team handling the fisheries related questions during India's 8th Trade Policy Review.

Anjni holds an LL.M. in International Economics and Trade Law with distinction. Her LL.M. thesis examined the effects of maritime trade on the Arctic Trade Route from economic and geopolitical perspectives. During her college days (B.A. LLB (H)), she published an article

titled “One Rank One Pension: A Delusion?” on the Constitutional Law and Public Policy Blog of Dr Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, based on extensive doctrinal and empirical research. She also published an article on “Animal Rights – A Domestic and Global Perspective” in the Supremo Amicus International Law Journal (ISSN 2456-9704, Volume 23).