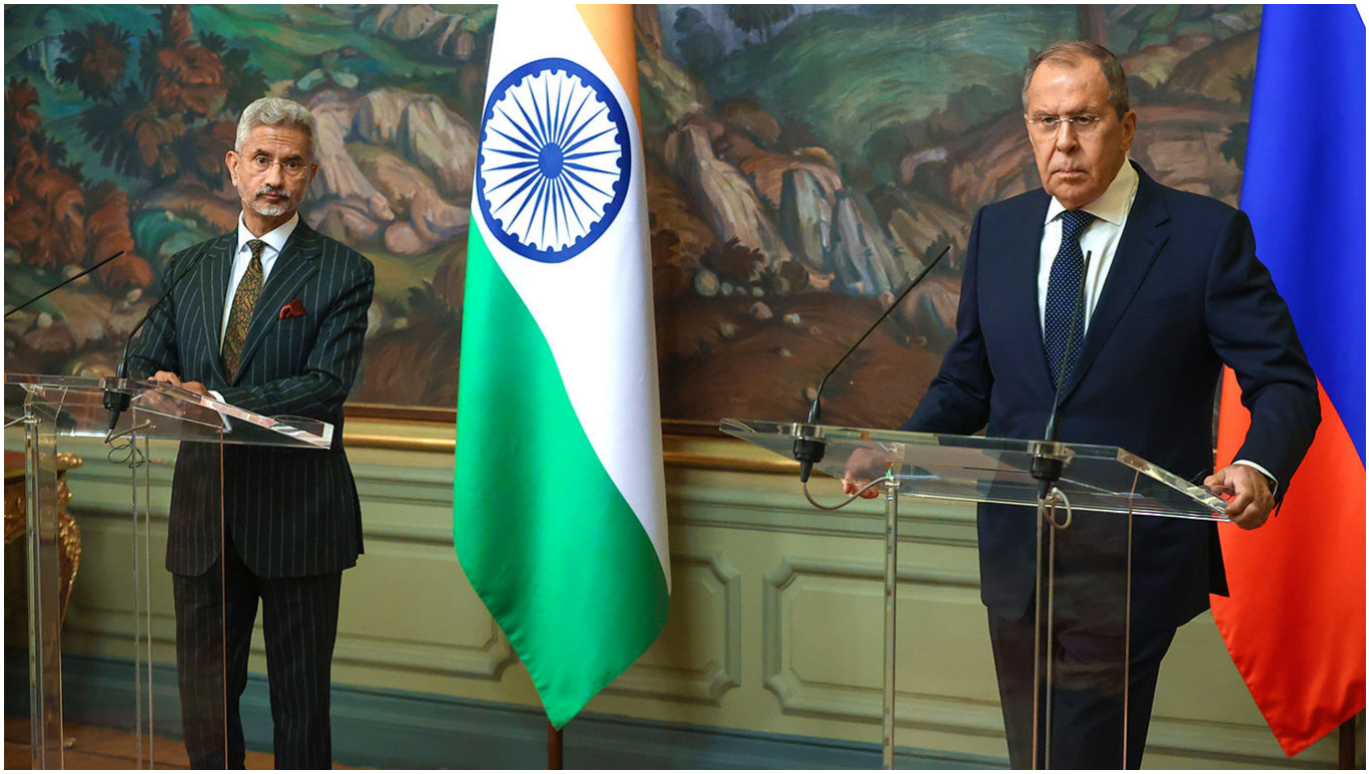
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Russia Turns to India For Help as Western Sanctions Bite – Reuters

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Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and his Indian counterpart Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. **Russian Foreign Ministry Press Service**

Sanctions-hit Moscow has asked India to sell it at least 500 different products it urgently needs, including parts for cars, aircraft and trains, Reuters reported on Tuesday, citing four sources familiar with the request.

Russia reportedly sent India a list of products earlier this month, a version of which has been seen by Reuters in New Delhi.

Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade asked companies to provide lists of raw materials and equipment they needed, an anonymous industry source in Moscow told Reuters.

A source in Russia's car sales industry told Reuters that the ministry had sent a 14-page list of car parts needed — including engine components such as pistons, oil pumps and ignition coils, as well as bumpers and seatbelts — to corresponding ministries and state agencies in other countries, including India.

Russia reportedly also asked for 41 items for aircraft and helicopters, including gear components, fuel, communication and fire extinguishing systems, Reuters said.

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The requests — described as unusual in their scope — were made weeks ahead of Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar's visit to Russia earlier this month, Reuters reported, citing Indian sources.

As Moscow remains by far India's biggest arms supplier, New Delhi has shied away from explicitly condemning the Kremlin over its invasion of Ukraine.

During his visit, Jaishankar expressed willingness to boost exports to Russia, but some Indian companies expressed concerns about being targeted by Western governments for trading with Russia.

"There is a hesitancy among exporters ... particularly on sanctioned items," Ajay Sahai, director general of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations told Reuters.

Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade, as well as the Indian Foreign and Commerce Ministries and the Indian Prime Minister's office, did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

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