

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 69
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

EXPORT/IMPORT OF MEDICINES/DRUGS

69(H). SHRI RAMDAS C. TADAS:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) the quantum and value of medicines/drugs exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- b) whether India is largely dependent on import particularly from China to meet the bulk requirement of various drugs including essential drugs and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- c) the measures taken by the Government to boost export of medicines/ drugs and encourage the Indian Pharmaceutical companies to increase their production so as to reduce dependence on imports?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (निर्मला सीतारमण श्रीमती)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 69 FOR ANSWER ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 2015
REGARDING “EXPORT/IMPORT OF MEDICINES/DRUGS”**

- (a) Commodity-wise/country-wise India's import and export of APIs during last three years and current year for the top 30 markets is enclosed at Annexure I & II respectively.
- (b) : The estimated production of bulk drugs by indigenous drug manufacturing companies in 2013 was US\$ 10.4 billion and import was US \$ 3.5 billion. As per the reports available, in case of 12 essential drugs namely; Paracetamol, Metformin, Ranitidine, Amoxicillin, Ciprofloxacin, Cefixime, Acetyl salicylic acid, Ascorbic acid, Ofloxacin, Ibuprofen, Metronidazole and Ampicillin, there is significant dependence on imports for drug ingredients; substantial imports are from China. One of the reasons for imports from China is the competitiveness of these products.
- (c) The Government is taking several measures to boost exports under MDA & MAI schemes. India is one of the largest manufacturers of medicines and exports to more than 200 countries. Taking into account the dependence of Indian drug industry on import of APIs, a Committee was constituted to study and identify the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) of critical importance and to consider a measures required to build domestic production capabilities etc. The committee has in its findings, inter-alia, reported that the API industry in the country has to be made more viable and there is a need for building an eco system to promote investment in the sector, based on global practices. There are also recommendations for improving the regulatory regime in the country.

Annexure-I
India's Imports of Pharmaceuticals

Rank	COUNTRY	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
		QTY in KGS	Value in Cr	QTY in KGS	Value in Cr	QTY in KGS	Value in Cr
1	CHINA P RP	126388379	9153.40	136754743	11420.08	152440304	10000.00
2	U S A	10243672	1612.94	15935879	2084.64	16381243	10000.00
3	GERMANY	6448930	1748.76	6272791	1918.98	6933908	10000.00
4	ITALY	2535519	794.39	4660660	1006.11	3959526	10000.00
5	FRANCE	6307774	701.00	5364591	887.98	4705934	10000.00
6	SWITZERLAND	785349	2822.83	522884	3020.75	579571	10000.00
7	INDONESIA	5222118	484.40	10575385	585.03	12317560	10000.00
8	BELGIUM	9911970	528.64	12585887	589.36	15534442	10000.00
9	DENMARK	233185	470.81	156948	546.53	73361	10000.00
10	NETHERLAND	1930651	246.41	3898393	371.66	2189523	10000.00
11	SPAIN	2508702	388.48	2974152	460.50	2813980	10000.00
12	KOREA RP	2300458	371.22	3557861	476.02	6936115	10000.00
13	JAPAN	8939437	437.31	7286523	388.59	9404616	10000.00
14	U K	386188	329.61	431504	388.40	347182	10000.00
15	BRAZIL	1455249	117.82	1346740	121.06	637936	10000.00
16	IRELAND	40375	136.99	72754	245.33	52221	10000.00
17	AUSTRALIA	501076	96.68	454887	132.72	470327	10000.00
18	TAIWAN	524703	179.63	702878	124.15	243946	10000.00
19	MEXICO	136652	124.37	186009	178.53	163089	10000.00
20	ISRAEL	383089	88.22	398238	109.69	95884	10000.00
21	SLOVENIA	26922	167.53	18386	161.03	27236	10000.00
22	SINGAPORE	1201302	98.24	707650	183.40	501720	10000.00
23	AUSTRIA	396121	131.68	375691	138.27	338194	10000.00
24	THAILAND	11799581	136.85	11418463	142.15	11622967	10000.00
25	HONG KONG	137241	39.31	49088	73.62	81942	10000.00
26	FINLAND	10055	40.27	25061	97.06	41404	10000.00
27	CANADA	178486	94.52	54461	114.64	788415	10000.00
28	HUNGARY	41271	55.10	22442	128.92	8986	10000.00
29	NEPAL	2272118	51.32	2480208	49.66	3239585	10000.00
30	PUERTO RICO	128657	83.69	3654	43.33	149590	10000.00
Total of top 30		203375230	21732.38	229294811	26188.17	253080707	20000.00
Grand Total		210227163	22280.04	234869322	26820.56	259548817	20000.00

India's exports of Pharmaceuticals							
		2011-12		2012-13		2013-14	
Rank	COUNTRY	QTY In Kgs	Value in INR Cr	QTY In Kgs	Value in INR Cr	QTY In Kgs	Value in INR Cr
1	U S A	180092469	15411.04	97649580	19790.51	109724029	23000.00
2	U K	27780245	2295.61	21903920	2756.00	30919459	3000.00
3	SOUTH AFRICA	13588941	1845.80	11814411	2442.58	13792030	3000.00
4	RUSSIA	14149948	1966.02	13787895	3108.58	13613464	3000.00
5	NIGERIA	35154245	1476.01	47440274	1843.55	47565111	2000.00
6	BRAZIL	9134943	1267.28	8630770	1730.20	11122575	1000.00
7	GERMANY	19889169	1994.40	17592961	2296.45	19329020	2000.00
8	KENYA	25060687	1043.69	25379528	1312.31	30764688	1000.00
9	VIETNAM SOC REP	17761763	877.42	15636306	1081.33	17772985	1000.00
10	NETHERLAND	14371901	971.43	9960960	1178.61	8063744	1000.00
11	FRANCE	6368106	916.51	6356577	1070.00	8332606	1000.00
12	CANADA	6944227	1147.33	4750673	1489.85	4659025	1000.00
13	TANZANIA REP	11946827	408.18	9141534	718.58	12145444	1000.00
14	AUSTRALIA	6680835	792.41	6112291	993.37	6360383	1000.00
15	IRAN	4914633	462.78	5776788	861.94	9567901	1000.00
16	NEPAL	13670618	550.60	11318765	646.35	12373603	1000.00
17	GHANA	10640439	696.52	8990782	944.99	8833795	1000.00
18	SRI LANKA DSR	24957995	688.00	12093839	820.52	13298110	1000.00
19	PHILIPPINES	5274820	500.36	4184244	673.99	5969578	1000.00
20	THAILAND	9988029	667.80	9973106	708.65	4840906	1000.00
21	MYANMAR	5807810	384.97	6159461	665.63	8712152	1000.00
22	VENEZUELA	3421504	298.43	1355827	376.76	1919686	1000.00
23	UGANDA	7411688	561.83	5276846	619.14	6732209	1000.00
24	CHINA P RP	6495001	653.40	6560308	649.46	9865092	1000.00
25	TURKEY	4392585	835.78	4440508	997.05	7760165	1000.00
26	BELGIUM	5913413	597.79	4977788	719.99	7036912	1000.00
27	JAPAN	3048134	672.51	3662738	956.69	3998762	1000.00
28	SINGAPORE	3891394	832.29	4351505	1100.32	3176711	1000.00
29	BANGLADESH PR	7802956	494.23	9345098	670.20	11067194	1000.00
30	ETHIOPIA	2707514	352.15	5184563	472.09	7379925	1000.00
Total of top 30		509262839	41662.53	399809846	53695.67	456697264	62000.00
Grand Total		795787063	61589.82	663698836	77015.36	736158205	88000.00

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 691
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

EXPORT AND IMPORT OF PROCESSED/VALUE ADDED
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

691(H). SHRI OM BIRLA:
SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) the quantum and value of processed/value added agricultural products exported and imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country and variety-wise;
- b) the country's share in world export of processed/value added agricultural products along with the share of States therein, State/UT-wise;
- c) whether there has been decline in export and rise in import of such products during the said period due to shortage of such products in the country;
- d) if so, the details thereof along with the other reasons for gap in its export and import; and
- e) the steps taken by the Government to boost export of such products and check waste of perishable products in the country?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

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- (a) The quantum and value of processed/value added agricultural products exported and imported during the years 2011-12 to 2013-14 and 2014-15 (Apr-Dec) is at **Annexure I and II** respectively. Country wise details (top 5) in respect of export and import of top 5 such commodities/products is at **Annexure – III & IV** respectively. Variety wise data is not maintained.
- (b) Data on India share in world export of processed/value added agricultural products is not maintained. State/UT wise and variety wise details of such exports are also not maintained centrally.
- (c & d) Export and import of agricultural commodities including processed and value added agricultural products depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the domestic requirement, international demand and supply situation, quality standards, varieties traded and price competitiveness etc.
- (e) APEDA under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce is implementing various schemes to extend financial assistance to the eligible exporters registered with it to boost the overall agri products exports. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Assistance to states for Developing Export

Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), Vishesh Krishi and Gram Upaj Yojna (VKGUY), Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports in general. Trade delegations are also mounted to penetrate foreign markets and Buyer-Seller Meets are also organized to assist potential exports.

India's Export of major Processed/Value Added Agricultural Products

Product Name	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (April - December)*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Buffalo Meat	984957.00	2842.82	1076103.00	3201.15	1365643.00	4350.38	1156118.00	3769.94
Spices	858200.11	2725.67	932591.92	2786.11	896565.40	2497.29	683650.57	1834.90
Oil Meals	7405188.00	2420.45	6578173.00	3038.57	6576509.00	2796.43	2838087.00	939.75
Cashew	107812.00	915.10	104092.00	746.98	120737.00	842.31	105443.00	686.89
Sugar	2749428.00	1838.57	2793778.00	1574.61	2477640.00	1177.07	1360169.00	624.89
Coffee	276521.01	952.83	254017.80	866.10	253902.12	798.86	156545.81	580.75
Tea	271983.58	847.60	268799.85	865.90	249907.55	798.72	138512.57	455.20
Groundnut	832619.00	1093.09	535637.00	747.36	509751.00	525.65	509984.00	535.38
Processed Fruits & Juices**	0.00	472.81	0.00	473.38	0.00	547.16	0.00	438.66
Cereal Preparations	299616.00	393.17	292693.00	411.80	319554.00	471.39	227460.00	367.86
Misc Processed Items **	0.00	298.52	0.00	340.52	0.00	418.04	0.00	344.65
Dairy Products **	0.00	135.99	0.00	427.50	0.00	727.54	0.00	267.08
Alcoholic Beverages **	0.00	303.15	0.00	355.17	0.00	401.54	0.00	270.97
Processed Vegetables **	0.00	218.70	0.00	202.60	0.00	212.93	0.00	204.92
Pulses	173503.00	228.05	202665.00	236.36	345553.00	290.27	182652.00	164.13
Milled Products	171123.76	72.67	273546.29	111.08	419263.74	166.11	332624.86	133.30
Sheep/Goat Meat	10937.00	53.79	15287.00	78.35	22608.00	115.36	18306.00	105.26
Cocoa Products	16678.56	36.52	19083.35	54.01	16229.21	93.91	14639.70	99.96
Poultry Products **	0.00	95.00	0.00	91.24	0.00	92.99	0.00	79.07
Mollases	384125.00	42.79	342153.00	40.82	211653.00	24.53	150253.00	21.35
Cashew Nut Shell Liquid	13185.83	12.39	9191.51	5.51	9480.27	6.36	7651.59	6.00
Processed Meat	576.00	2.02	796.00	1.72	508.00	1.28	134.00	0.55
Other Meat	317.00	0.77	194.00	0.44	268.00	0.55	248.00	0.40
Total	14556770.85	16002.47	13698801.72	16657.28	13795772.29	17356.67	7882479.10	11931.86

Source: DGCI&S/APEDA

* Provisional

** Quantities not available

India's Import of major Processed/ Value Added Products								
Product Name	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (April - December)*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Edible oils	7081990.00	8119.05	9606248.00	9844.09	7942894.00	7279.04	8677737.00	7481.69
Pulses	3495842.00	1961.33	4013236.00	2449.95	3177892.00	1828.22	3663574.00	2186.21
Sugar	99713.00	64.97	1122249.00	569.66	880956.00	392.16	1319022.00	527.52
Spices	146767.74	479.34	175559.22	499.94	155577.46	571.34	125168.60	523.08
Alcoholic Beverages **	0.00	268.15	0.00	260.12	0.00	341.26	0.00	300.09
Misc Processed Items **	0.00	190.89	0.00	233.16	0.00	244.50	0.00	212.83
Cocoa Products	50759.97	194.76	53331.10	192.78	51627.35	176.89	52759.42	205.03
Coffee	46055.69	98.73	71201.41	145.84	59940.86	120.17	58419.78	118.48
Cereal Preparations	45816.00	65.94	50418.00	66.14	53472.00	69.16	48376.00	68.61
Processed Fruits & Juices **	0.00	65.51	0.00	79.49	0.00	68.27	0.00	60.98
Dairy Products **	0.00	252.13	0.00	33.89	0.00	38.47	0.00	50.09
Tea	22429.50	45.84	22301.36	50.34	22739.89	48.55	22249.54	47.41
Oil Meals	86128.00	20.52	148300.00	38.63	126936.00	33.33	128141.00	35.59
Tobacco Manufactured **	0.00	23.53	0.00	28.42	0.00	27.84	0.00	24.96
Floriculture **	0.00	14.36	0.00	15.71	0.00	18.41	0.00	13.40
Processed Vegetables **	0.00	24.94	0.00	27.40	0.00	28.76	0.00	12.57
Poultry Products **	0.00	4.09	0.00	3.36	0.00	3.87	0.00	4.78
Mollases	12401.00	0.88	14677.00	1.38	15065.00	1.46	39487.00	3.52
Other Meat	544.00	2.61	426.00	2.89	361.00	2.60	352.00	2.42
Milled Products	2882.82	2.48	4522.62	4.35	3977.43	3.63	2687.92	2.26
Sheep/Goat Meat	5.00	0.05	22.00	0.28	60.00	0.86	70.00	1.13
Cashew Nut Shell Liquid	195.00	0.06	141.43	0.06	379.07	0.33	1235.46	1.11
Processed Meat	959.00	2.03	566.00	1.66	388.00	1.28	150.00	0.74
Total	11092488.72	11902.19	15283199.14	14549.54	12492266.06	11300.40	14139429.72	11884.50

Source: DGCI&S/APEDA

*Provisional

**Quantities not available

Export of 5 major processed/value added Agricultural products
Country wise top five destinations

Quantity in MT, Value in US \$ Million

Buffalo Meat

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (Apr.- Dec.)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Vietnam	273505.00	831.48	302130.00	943.65	524180.00	1795.57	527786.00	1800.15
Egypt	70566.00	238.99	71250.00	230.59	107822.00	338.22	114026.00	380.40
Malaysia	99656.00	291.39	115358.00	357.44	121713.00	388.67	92211.00	302.17
Thailand	29711.00	88.52	87094.00	265.64	89967.00	296.32	71192.00	239.91
Saudi Arabia	65622.00	196.92	69624.00	215.53	74600.00	247.11	51643.00	181.86
Other Countries	445897.00	1195.52	430647.00	1188.30	447361.00	1284.49	299260.00	865.45
Total	984957.00	2842.82	1076103.00	3201.15	1365643.00	4350.38	1156118.00	3769.94

Spices

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (Apr.- Dec.)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
U S A	89840.43	490.63	92187.41	452.71	68643.27	391.53	48269.30	316.48
China	35204.09	285.39	48708.42	501.19	47689.39	384.42	20528.58	197.39
Vietnam	29713.63	70.20	85907.72	137.45	98114.82	175.38	94412.17	161.04
UAE	65102.12	134.26	56298.72	94.82	44107.57	87.76	37956.15	80.11
Malaysia	87932.74	174.66	70209.93	101.45	57731.93	96.67	43435.22	78.69
Other Countries	550407.10	1570.53	579279.72	1498.49	580278.42	1361.53	439049.15	1001.19
Total	858200.11	2725.67	932591.92	2786.11	896565.40	2497.29	683650.57	1834.90

Oil Meals

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (Apr.- Dec.)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Bangladesh	532740.00	195.61	354233.00	168.84	560859.00	221.49	340092.00	133.10
Korea	613162.00	114.35	950183.00	259.27	1178776.00	252.76	702779.00	131.68
Iran	141971.00	53.59	714583.00	405.20	1175597.00	680.09	279605.00	112.60
Pakistan	511779.00	197.17	539108.00	293.52	588697.00	311.78	196204.00	100.35
Thailand	591614.00	197.25	593882.00	291.95	419062.00	161.46	248731.00	64.24
Other Countries	5013922.00	1662.48	3426184.00	1619.79	2653518.00	1168.85	1070676.00	397.78
Total	7405188.00	2420.45	6578173.00	3038.57	6576509.00	2796.43	2838087.00	939.75

Cashew

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (Apr.- Dec.)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
U S A	36141.00	307.60	30107.00	226.97	33902.00	250.07	23426.00	175.09
UAE	14595.00	126.07	13629.00	101.10	17434.00	128.54	16256.00	121.34
Netherland	8903.00	76.16	8593.00	62.75	9937.00	70.20	7279.00	52.43
Japan	5393.00	49.37	6374.00	50.26	6704.00	51.81	6062.00	46.97
Saudi Arabia	5251.00	43.25	5862.00	42.53	7193.00	53.59	4464.00	33.39
Other Countries	37529.00	312.65	39527.00	263.37	45567.00	288.10	47956.00	257.67
Total	107812.00	915.10	104092.00	746.98	120737.00	842.31	105443.00	686.89

Sugar

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (Apr.- Dec.)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Sudan	204898.00	142.53	400753.00	231.58	491705.00	236.33	243007.00	111.31
Somalia	127773.00	84.33	202678.00	110.05	189143.00	86.09	221362.00	101.70
UAE	341193.00	220.29	362702.00	194.74	210848.00	102.67	152825.00	70.95
Iran	67758.00	43.11	153543.00	81.84	377899.00	173.78	98821.00	43.34
Saudi Arabia	78909.00	52.32	72315.00	41.21	127092.00	64.31	67732.00	31.81

Other Countries	1928897.00	1295.99	1601787.00	915.19	1080953.00	513.89	576422.00	265.78
Total	2749428.00	1838.57	2793778.00	1574.61	2477640.00	1177.07	1360169.00	624.89

Annexure – IV

**Import of 5 major processed/value added Agricultural products
Country wise top five destinations**

Quantity in MT, Value in US \$ Million

EDIBLE OIL								
COUNTRY	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15(Apr-DEC)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
INDONESIA	4246764	4673.60	4756402	4457.58	3544424	3018.47	3048293	2490.12
MALAYSIA	1059835	1149.68	2456837	2402.37	1665854	1437.61	2304982	1878.38
UKRAINE	752387	986.28	1107613	1367.51	1074635	1136.28	1317536	1214.86
ARGENTINA	769388	979.61	818641	1027.41	1091678	1117.58	1292456	1202.38
BRAZIL	112363	144.20	218685	273.84	225743	230.47	311599	296.01
OTHER COUNTRIES	141253	185.67	248070	315.38	340560	338.62	402871	399.92
Grand Total	7081990	8119.05	9606248	9844.09	7942894	7279.04	8677737	7481.69

Pulses

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (April - December)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Canada	1468144	641.93	1107455.00	552.08	1504718.00	758.72	1753959.00	838.33
Myanmar	859879.00	679.25	963649.00	649.13	667152.00	459.40	746995.00	629.52
U S A	111975.00	58.34	178275.00	102.10	195847.00	112.44	281330.00	150.83
Australia	299057.00	174.66	721047.00	486.27	342214.00	189.46	244525.00	141.39
Tanzania	93212.00	61.15	146207.00	100.30	53628.00	37.27	151974.00	116.99
Other Countries	663575.00	346.00	896603.00	560.07	414333.00	270.93	484791.00	309.15
Total	34,95,842.00	1961.33	40,13,236.00	2449.95	31,77,892.00	1828.22	36,63,574.00	2186.21

Sugar

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (April - December)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Brazil	98523.00	62.66	1108215.00	560.02	866841.00	382.57	1317859.00	523.31
Germany	85.00	0.33	158.00	0.64	136.00	0.69	345.00	1.90
U S A	279.00	0.89	251.00	1.00	215.00	0.89	149.00	0.66
Italy	1.00	0.01	1.00	0.02	62.00	0.46	68.00	0.46
Japan	24.00	0.11	23.00	0.08	68.00	0.20	105.00	0.34
Other Countries	27.00	0.09	80.00	0.26	89.00	0.14	134.00	0.21
Total	99713.00	64.97	11,22,249.00	569.66	8,80,956.00	392.16	13,19,022.00	527.52

Spices

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (April - December)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Vietnam	21715.03	58.45	22556.01	65.11	25553.89	64.75	31964.85	122.05
Sri Lanka	6668.81	57.33	11254.33	81.60	15405.15	97.62	6767.17	64.46
Afghanistan	1811.61	44.76	2452.80	42.27	2614.62	58.16	2310.78	52.12
China	13016.57	54.94	5531.63	36.69	9293.03	56.62	7880.17	42.53
Indonesia	10014.06	51.13	8227.06	44.76	6634.22	28.59	9419.04	36.85
Other Countries	93541.66	212.73	125537.39	229.51	96076.55	265.60	66826.59	205.07
Total	1,46,767.74	479.34	1,75,559.22	499.94	1,55,577.46	571.34	1,25,168.60	523.08

Alcoholic Beverages

Country	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (April - December)	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
U K	0.00	139.77	0.00	171.47	0.00	184.62	0.00	159.85
U S A	0.00	33.03	0.00	6.00	0.00	43.64	0.00	39.54
Netherland	0.00	1.13	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.84	0.00	23.73
France	0.00	23.56	0.00	27.93	0.00	27.05	0.00	14.75
Singapore	0.00	3.67	0.00	4.97	0.00	12.16	0.00	13.14
Other Countries	0.00	66.99	0.00	49.07	0.00	72.95	0.00	49.08
Total	0.00	268.15	0.00	260.12	0.00	341.26	0.00	300.09

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 693
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**REGISTRATION FOR EXPORT OF COTTON/
COTTON YARN**

693. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has removed/proposes to remove the mandatory registration for export of cotton and cotton yarn and brought them under the free list;
- b) if so, the details thereof; and
- c) the likely impact of such move to reduce transaction cost for the exporters of cotton yarn?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- a) & b): The requirement of registration for contract for export of cotton has been removed vide Notification No. 102 (RE-2013)/2009-14 dated 08.12.2014. Similarly, the requirement of registration of contract for export of cotton yarn has also been removed vide Notification No. 103 (RE-2013)/2009-14 dated 08.12.2014.
- c): The removal of requirement of registration of contract for export of cotton and cotton yarn will result in reduction of time and cost to the exporters.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 705
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

BAN ON IMPORT OF POULTRY PRODUCTS
FROM UNITED STATES

705. SHRI SENGUTTUVAN B.:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the World Trade Organisation (WTO) had ruled that import restrictions imposed by India on poultry products from United States (US) is inconsistent with the WTO agreements and requested India to lift the ban;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the present status thereof; and
- d) the other measures taken by the Government to protect growing domestic poultry industry from competitively priced American chicken legs?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) to (d): In the World Trade Organization (WTO) dispute DS430 (Measures Concerning the Importation of Certain Agricultural Products from the United States), the WTO Panel had ruled that the import restrictions, imposed vide the Government of India (GOI) Notification No. S.O. 1663(E) dated 16 July, 2011, on account of outbreak of Avian Influenza in the country of export, is inconsistent with the WTO Agreement, in particular, the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures.

GOI has filed Appeal before the WTO Appellate Body on certain rulings of the panel which GOI considers legally inconsistent with the WTO Law.

India has a system in place for import of poultry products through Sanitary Import Permits (SIP). SIPs are granted for import of poultry products only after detailed Risk Analysis from the angle of human and animal safety. Import of poultry products are allowed from the country which are free from Highly Pathogenic and Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza. Moreover, at present, the Customs Duty on chicken legs has been retained at India's bound rate of duty, which is the maximum permissible level of duty committed to the WTO.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 720
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

NEW AUCTION SYSTEM FOR SPICES

720. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government has introduced new auction system for spices;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government has taken note that traders are not actively participating in the system and thus spices worth crores are lying in the godowns of Spices Board;
- d) if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): The Government has not introduced any auction system for spices, except cardamom.

(b): Government of India has amended the existing cardamom (Licensing & Marketing) Rule 2014 by incorporating conditions to safeguard the interest of the cardamom farmers. The auction system for Cardamom is regulated by Spices Board. Based on the amended rule, the Spices Board had issued licence to 12 Auctioneers for conducting E-Auction and another 6 licence to conduct manual auction for Cardamoms.

(c): No. In the case of cardamom 95% of the produce is selling through the auction system, implemented by Spices Board. The traders who are registered with Spices Board are actively participating in the auction system and no cardamom is lying in the warehouses of Spices Board.

(d) & (e): Question does not arise.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 751
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

EXPORT ORIENTED UNITS

751. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) the details of large and small Export Oriented Units (EOUs) presently functional in the country, State/UT-wise along with the norms adopted by the Government for setting up of such units;
- b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States/UTs including Andhra Pradesh for setting up of such units;
- c) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of proposals received as well as approved by the Government for such units during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- d) the quantity and value of export made from these units *vis-a-vis* its percentage in the total trade of the country along with the details of incentives/concessions provided by the Government to these units; and
- e) the measures taken by the Government to boost such units to enhance country's export along with the mechanism put in place to monitor and prevent the misuse of the concessions granted to these units?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : The details of EOUs presently functional in the country are furnished in Annex-I.

Proposals for setting up units under EOU scheme are considered by the Unit Approval Committee taking into account factors such as residence proof, Income Tax return of all the promoters for the last three years, experience of all promoters, marketing tie-ups etc.

Further, as per the provisions of Para 6.6.2 of the Foreign Trade Policy only projects having a minimum investment of Rs. 1 crore in plant and machinery can be set up under Export Oriented Unit (EOU) scheme. This condition does not apply to proposals for Handicrafts, Agriculture, Floriculture, Aquaculture, Animal Husbandry, Information Technology, Services, Brass Hardware and Handmade jewellery sectors. The Board of Approval (BOA) can also allow establishment of EOUs with a lower investment criteria on a case to case basis.

(b) : Yes Madam.

(c) : The number of proposals received as well as approved by the Government for such units during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise are as per Annex-II.

(d) and (e) : Exports made by these units for the year 2013-14 amounted to Rs. 82072.71 Cr. i.e. 4.3% of the total exports of the country in the said year.

To boost exports by EOUs, various incentives are being provided by the Government under Chapter 6 of Foreign Trade Policy in addition to the Central Customs and Excise Act, Rules and Regulations. These may be broadly listed as under:

- (i) Duty free sourcing of inputs including capital goods.
- (ii) Procurement of goods from Domestic Tariff Area (DTA) without payment of Central Excise Duty.
- (iii) Supplies by DTA manufacturer are eligible for deemed export benefits under Chapter 8 of Foreign Trade Policy.
- (iv) Full reimbursement of Central Sales Tax.
- (v) Central Value Added Tax (CENVAT) on service tax paid.
- (vi) DTA sale (including advance DTA Sale) upto 50% of F.O.B. value of. Physical Exports permitted on payment of concessional rate of duty.
- (vii) FDI upto 100% permitted as per the guidelines of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

There is a mechanism to monitor and prevent the misuse of the concession granted to the EOUs which is implemented through a joint control by the Ministry of Commerce (represented by the Development Commissioner) and the Ministry of Finance (represented by the Commissioner, Central Excise, Customs & Service Tax). There is statutory framework to monitor and prevent misuse of the EOU scheme through legal provisions made under the provisions of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act 1992, Customs Act 1962, Central Excise Act 1944 and Rules made thereunder. In the event that any EOU found violating any norm such as non/short fulfillment of export obligation, excess and inadmissible imports irregular and unauthorized DTA sales, excess reimbursement of CST, drawback on DTA sales, non-realization of export proceeds, irregular de-bonding, non-receipt of re-warehousing certificates, etc. duty exemptions are withdrawn and necessary recoveries are made after following due process of law in addition to imposition of penalties etc. as per provisions of Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992, Customs Act 1962, Central Excise Act 1944 and Rules made there under.

Annex-I

The state wise breakup of number of functional Export Oriented Units, as on 15.12.2014 is as under:

State/UTs	Units	State/UTs	Units	State/UTs	Units	State/UTs	Units
A & N Island	3	Goa, Daman & Diu	37	Maharashtra	231	Sikkim	0
Andhra Pradesh	85	Gujarat	210	Manipur	0	Tamil Nadu	405
Arunachal Pradesh	0	Haryana	73	Meghalaya	1	Telangana	168
Assam	0	Himachal Pradesh	5	Mizoram	1	Tripura	0
Bihar	1	Jammu & Kashmir	3	Nagaland	0	Uttar Pradesh	64
Chandigarh	3	Jharkhand	2	Orissa	16	Uttarakhand	3
Chhattisgarh	1	Karnataka	454	Pondicherry	13	West Bengal	57
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	19	Kerala	76	Punjab	12	Total	2035
Delhi	21	Madhya Pradesh	9	Rajasthan	62		

Annex-II

The details of number of proposals received as well as approved by the Government since 2011-12 are as under:

Zone	States	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
		Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
CSEZ	Kerala	2	2	3	3	7	7	3	3
	Karnataka	25	25	20	20	18	18	22	20
FASEZ	West Bengal	0	0	1	1	3	0	2	0
	Bihar	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Jharkhand	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Orissa	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Assam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Arunachal Pradesh	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ISEZ	Madhya Pradesh	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
KASEZ	Gujarat	11	9	8	6	12	12	13	09
MSEZ	Tamil Nadu	18	18	15	14	26	22	6	4
	Pondichery	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	A & N Island	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSEZ	Delhi	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
	Haryana	1	0	7	5	2	2	2	1
	Uttar Pradesh	5	2	4	3	4	3	6	2
	Punjab	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Rajasthan	4	3	3	1	3	0	1	0
	Himachal Pradesh	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Uttrakhand	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	SEEPZ	Maharashtra	6	6	10	5	12	2	13
Goa, Daman & Diu		0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
Dadra & Nagar Haveli		2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
VSEZ	Andhra Pradesh	4	3	2	1	5	1	9	7
	Chhatisgarh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Telangana	10	10	9	9	8	7	12	8
	Yanam	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		97	85	87	72	103	76	93	63

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 752
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

IMPORT DUTY ON PULSES

752. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government proposes to impose duty on import of chickpeas;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether the Government also proposes to impose import duty on any other pulses; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a to d) As on date, the import duty on pulses is 'Nil' which is valid upto 31st March, 2015. The Department of Commerce has not moved any proposal for imposition of any duty on import of chickpeas or any other pulses.

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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 782
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH USA

782. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI DALPAT SINGH PARASTE:
SHRI KESINENI NANI:
SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI P. KUMAR:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) the quantum and value of trade(Export-Import) between India and United States of America (USA) and Latin American countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country and commodity-wise;
- b) whether India and USA has agreed to boost the bilateral trade and investment during the recent visit of US President to the country;
- c) if so, the details thereof indicating the areas identified for cooperation and agreements signed in this regard; and
- d) the further measures taken by the Government to improve investors confidence to realize the full potential of trade and commercial relations with USA and Latin American countries?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- a) The quantum and value of trade (export-import) between India and the United States of America (USA) since 2011-12 is attached as Annex- I to III and between India and Latin American Countries including Mexico as Annex-IV to VIII.
- b) & c) Yes, Madam. During the visit of US President to India on 25-27 January, 2015, India and USA agreed, inter alia, to continue to strengthen their broad-based partnership for development through stronger trade, technology, manufacturing, and investment linkages between the two countries through a Joint Statement released during the visit.

d) In order to improve investors confidence to realize the full potential of trade and commercial relations, India and USA continuously interact through two Institutional Mechanisms of India-US Trade Policy Forum and India-US Commercial Dialogue for enhancing trade and commercial relations. During the recently held 8th India US Trade Policy Forum in New Delhi in November, 2014, a range of issues including Market Access issues relating to Agriculture products, Services and Investment issues including Totalisation Agreement, Promoting Investment in Manufacturing were discussed and in the elevated India-US Commercial Dialogue, both sides have agreed in expanding the Dialogue and exploring new areas of cooperation, including Investment Promotion and SEZs; Building Capacities and Institutional Linkages between Premier Institutions especially in the field of Technical Textiles, sharing best practices and exploring technologies related to corrosion prevention and control and encouraging the private sector to work with the Governments on roundtables to promote innovation in advanced manufacturing.

For realizing the full potential of trade and commercial relations between India and Latin American Countries, FOCUS LAC Programme was launched in 1997 which has been extended upto March, 2019. India has also signed two Preferential Trade Agreements, one with Chile and the other with MERCOSUR countries of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. A Joint Study Group has been constituted with Peru for assessing feasibility of an Free Trade Agreement, and negotiations have been completed for expanding India-Chile Preferential Trade Agreement.

ANNEXURE- I

India's Trade with USA during each of the last three years and the current year

Country	Apr- Mar 2011-2012			Apr-Mar 2012-2013			Apr-Mar 2013-2014		
	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
USA	34,745.5	23,380.9	58,126.4	36,160.8	25,204.7	61,365.6	39,158.02	22,505.1	61,663.12
Total	305,963.9	489,319.5	795,283.4	300,400.6	490,736.7	791,137.2	314,405.3	450,199.8	764,605.1

ANNEXURE- II

EXPORT/IMPORT OF TOP TEN ITEMS TO USA DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS & THE CURRENT YEAR (VALUE WISE)

EXPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.No.	Commodity(sorted on basis of 2014 values)	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014
1	Gems & jewellery	6808.19	6749.79	7842
2	Drugs,phrmcutes & fine chemls	3239.4	3727.8	4022
3	Petroleum (crude & products)	1276.33	1786.47	3917
4	Rmg cotton incl accessories	2456.1	2199.42	2237
5	Machinery and instruments	2066.98	2156.13	2074
6	Manufactures of metals	2028.38	2195.99	1821
7	Cotton yarn,fabrics,madeupsetc	1250.32	1392.94	1512
8	Transport equipments	2083.86	1370.55	1499
9	Guergum meal	2524.35	3180.85	1444
10	Other commodities	913.36	1037.04	1402
	total of top ten	24647.27	25796.98	27775
	total of all commodities	34745.52	36160.84	39158

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr -Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.No.	Commodity(sorted on basis of 2014 values)	Apr-Dec 2013	Apr-Dec 2014(P)
1	Pearl, Precs, Semiprecs Stones	4912.75	4945
2	Petroleum Products	2903.52	3489
3	Drug Formulations, Biologicals	2439.38	2839
4	Rmg Cotton Incl Accessories	1597.24	1614
5	Cotton Fabrics, Madeups Etc.	1380.36	148
6	Gold And Oth Precs Metl Jwlery	1247.54	1409
7	Products Of Iron And Steel	986.15	128
8	Marine Products	1000.2	1189
9	Guergam Meal	1135.68	1001
10	Auto Components/Parts	585.24	700
	total of top ten	18188.06	19958
	total of all commodities	29213.27	32481

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

IMPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.No.	Commodity(sorted on basis of 2014 values)	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar
1	Other Commodities	2,875.08	2790.89	3516.
2	Transport Equipments	1,946.22	2117.41	2760.
3	Machry Excpt Elec & Electronic	2,692.19	2667.42	2481.
4	Electronic Goods	1,833.03	1864.66	1624.
5	Gold	912.88	3366.77	1187.
6	Profsnl Inst,Etc Excpt Elctrnc	1,007.59	973.29	1014.
7	Petroleum, Crude & Products	724.88	1034.68	996.7

8	Chemical Matrl & Prodcts	921.2	928.39	884.7
9	Organic Chemicals	822.78	901.47	860.
10	Artfcl Resns,Plstc MatrIs,Etc.	885.36	783.01	745.
	total of top ten	14,621.21	17427.99	16073
	total of all commodities	23,380.86	25204.73	22505

(Source: DGCI&S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.No.	Commodity(sorted on basis of 2014 values)	Apr-Dec 2013	Apr-Dec 2015
1	Gold	852.49	2035.24
2	Aircraft, Spacecraft And Parts	1516.59	1464.06
3	Petroleum Products	732.13	757.56
4	Electric Machinery And Equipme	574.69	670.98
5	Residul Chemicl And Allied Prod	543.95	591.68
6	Electronics Instruments	477.72	544.5
7	Medical And Scientific Instrum	556.27	544.46
8	Pearl, Precs, Semiprecs Stones	432.67	482.11
9	Telecom Instruments	284.05	462.76
10	Plastic Raw Materials	466.56	454.68
	Total of top ten	6437.12	8008.03
	total of all commodities	17625.72	16229.8

(Source: DGCI&S Kolkata)

ANNEXURE-III
EXPORT/IMPORT OF TOP TEN ITEMS TO USA DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS & THE
CURRENT YEAR(QUANTITY WISE)

EXPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013
1	Dyes/Intmdtes & Coar Tar Cheml	KGS	162,047.44	206,963.31
2	Inorganic/Organic/Agro Chemls	KGS	146,201.16	165,486.77
3	Marine Products	KGS	131,181.75	127,064.00
4	Spices	KGS	112,522.73	92,365.88
5	Castor Oil	KGS	53,646.16	64,330.95
6	Paints/Enamels/Varnishes Etc.	KGS	26,322.08	32,786.29
7	Sesame Seeds	KGS	25,133.47	24,168.35
8	Tea	KGS	18,106.43	17,901.84
9	Niger Seeds	KGS	19,845.76	10,415.68
10	Tobacco Unmanufactured	KGS	10,744.40	10,983.06

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Dec 2013
1	Organic Chemicals	KGS	233,854.48
2	Marine Products	KGS	89,093.11
3	Drug Formulations, Biologicals	KGS	50,629.08
4	Castor Oil	KGS	45,778.05
5	Spices	KGS	51,987.41
6	Inorganic Chemicals	KGS	27,919.94
7	Milled Products	KGS	20,437.39
8	Dyes	KGS	17,358.46
9	Other Miscellaenious Chemicals	KGS	16,463.90
10	Bulk Drugs, Drug Intermediates	KGS	16,539.50

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

IMPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013
1	Coal,Coke & Briquittes Etc.	TON	3,122.63	6,388.15
2	Petroleum, Crude & Products	LTR	1,367.16	3,151.15
3	Spices	KGS	1,279.59	971.15
4	Pulp And Waste Paper	TON	1,137.99	1,231.15
5	Fertilezers Manufactured	TON	2,232.24	961.15

6	Paper Board & Manufactures	TON	200.76	26
7	Newsprint	TON	268.09	18
8	Pulses	TON	110.5	17
9	Iron & Steel	TON	229.37	18
10	Tea	KGS	84.59	7

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Apr-Dec 2013
1	Organic Chemicals	306,117.03
2	Inorganic Chemicals	306,314.59
3	Paint, Varnish And Allid Prodc	27,725.05
4	Bulk Drugs, Drug Intermediates	11,904.68
5	Agro Chemicals	8,526.92
6	Dye Intermediates	14,326.11
7	Other Miscellaenious Chemicals	4,967.07
8	Petroleum Products	2,357.02
9	Coal,Coke And Briquittes Etc	2,707.81
10	Spices	1,063.88

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

**Country-wise Trade
for Latin America
region
including Mexico
(April-March)
during the
last three
years &
current
year**

Sn	Country	2011-12			2012-2013			2013-20	
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports
1	VENEZUELA	249.74	6,666.74	6,916.48	234.14	14,117.67	14,351.81	196.96	13,94
2	BRAZIL	5,769.75	4,271.30	10,041.04	6,048.57	4,825.76	10,874.33	5,552.47	3,72
3	MEXICO	1,368.21	2,566.79	3,935.00	1,628.24	4,037.62	5,665.86	2,227.58	3,67
4	CHILE	522.09	2,194.15	2,716.24	690	2,992.31	3,682.31	663.99	2,50
5	COLOMBIA	892.42	560.27	1,452.69	912.12	2,352.79	3,264.91	1,007.51	4,97
6	ARGENTINA	473.63	1,105.70	1,579.33	539.96	1,198.71	1,738.67	611.49	1,33
7	ECUADOR	231.55	44.19	275.75	263.55	872.54	1,136.10	290.4	25
8	PERU	564.3	556.12	1,120.42	637.97	561.32	1,199.29	620.55	5
9	Panama	232.17	159.08	391.25	226.49	109.55	336.04	211.4	4
10	COSTA RICA	65.53	178.4	243.93	74.28	219.72	294	81.09	20
11	URUGUAY	140.68	27.63	168.31	143.19	24.41	167.6	160.98	2
12	DOMINIC REP	103.43	6.17	109.6	108.86	10.81	119.67	125.7	
13	GUATEMALA	191.29	6.72	198	224.61	8.31	232.92	212.36	1
14	Netherland Antil	39.31	28.24	67.55	59.87	15.73	75.6	68.5	
15	HONDURAS	91.66	7.75	99.41	109.99	17.82	127.82	107.9	2
16	PARAGUAY	66.93	11.05	77.97	82.94	8.66	91.61	88.91	
17	BAHAMAS	2,243.52	3.54	2,247.06	2,669.86	102.28	2,772.14	228.03	49
18	TRINIDAD	82.46	203.75	286.21	81.52	8.9	90.42	104.83	
19	FR GUIANA	1.62	106.46	108.08	3.3	1.38	4.68	36.68	
20	HAITI	48.3	1.94	50.24	63.69	1.32	65.01	59.21	
21	BOLIVIA	24.84	4.06	28.91	57.39	7.41	64.79	53.19	
22	EL SALVADOR	37.52	8.3	45.81	56.06	8.64	64.71	65.11	
23	NICARAGUA	45.7	0.98	46.68	59.26	0.82	60.07	59.23	
24	SURINAME	10.43	4.39	14.82	30.34	13.4	43.74	24.18	1
25	CUBA	36.67	4.07	40.75	35.82	3.95	39.77	35.53	
26	JAMAICA	26.66	1.57	28.23	29.7	2.4	32.1	36.22	
27	GUYANA	21.53	9.08	30.61	21.94	4.59	26.53	24.19	
28	BELIZE	26.1	0.08	26.17	23.56	0.21	23.78	22.46	
29	BARBADOS	7.55	0.58	8.12	5.87	0.1	5.97	6.44	
30	CAYMAN IS	0.98	0.01	0.98	0.39	0	0.39	3.15	
31	MARTINIQUE	6.46		6.46	5.88	0.04	5.92	7.68	
32	VIRGIN IS US	3.72	0.09	3.81	1.43	0.4	1.83	3.9	
33	GUADELOUPE	7.09	1.89	8.98	6.58	0.42	6.99	6.53	
34	FALKLAND IS	1.39	3	4.39	0	1.44	1.44		
35	BERMUDA	1.02		1.02	1.35	0.04	1.39	2.59	
36	ANTIGUA	0.87	0.06	0.94	1.36	0.23	1.59	2.19	
37	DOMINICA	2.82	0.26	3.08	2.4	1.58	3.98	2.41	
38	ST LUCIA	1.32	0.39	1.71	1.03	0.41	1.44	2.28	
39	ST KITT N A	0.66	0.1	0.76	0.63	0	0.63	1.22	
40	GRENADA	1.03	0.03	1.06	0.85	0	0.85	1.46	
41	BR VIRGN IS	1.04	0.42	1.46	0.55	0.97	1.52	0.39	
42	ST VINCENT	0.61		0.61	0.35		0.35	1.84	
43	TURKS C IS	0.17	0.01	0.18	0.32	0.05	0.37	0.41	
44	MONTSERRAT	0.28		0.28	0.04		0.04	0.07	
	Total of LAC	13645.05	18745.36	32390.38	15146.25	31534.71	46680.98	13019.21	3180
	% Share	4.46	3.83	4.07	5.04	6.43	5.90	4.14	
	India's total	3,05,963.92	4,89,319.49	7,95,283.41	3,00,400.68	4,90,736.65	7,91,137.33	3,14,405.30	4,50,19

Annexure- V

India's top 10 Export/Import items to Latin American & Caribbean Countries (Value wise) during last three years i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14 and Current Trend

Export

(Last 3-Years)

(Value: US\$ Mn)

Sn	Commodity	Apr 2011- Mar 2012	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Apr 2013 -Mar 2014
1	PETROLEUM (CRUDE & PRODUCTS)	5,226.49	6,015.17	2,997.69
2	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	1,078.67	1,333.43	1,497.38
3	DRUGS,PHRMCUTES & FINE CHEMLS	716.55	812.28	829.84
4	MACHINERY AND INSTRUMENTS	589.23	675.8	678.05
5	INORGANIC/ORGANIC/AGRO CHEMLS	554.43	549.04	626.44
6	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	566.08	543.7	548.12
7	COTTON YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	464.81	447.82	429.77
8	PLASTIC & LINOLEUM PRODUCTS	489.53	353.91	374.09
9	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	254.13	364.49	307.66
10	PRMRY & SEMI-FNSHD IRON & STL	219.12	249.8	298.48
	sum of 10 commodities	10,159.04	11,345.43	8,587.52
	sum of all commodities	12,276.77	13,517.94	10,791.52

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Current Trend (April-December)

(Value: US\$ Mn)

S.No.	Commodity	Apr 2013- Dec 2013	Apr 2014 - Dec 2014(P)
1	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1,943.92	3,228.67
2	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	398.63	512.48
3	MOTOR VEHICLE/CARS	437.68	491.36
4	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	421.28	400.7
5	IRON AND STEEL	300.95	349.43
6	AGRO CHEMICALS	344.95	339.29
7	TWO AND THREE WHEELERS	325.15	307.33
8	COTTON YARN	236.39	234.13
9	AUTO COMPONENTS/PARTS	191.94	233.61
10	DYES	132.24	195.91
	sum of 10 commodities	4,733.13	6,292.91
	sum of all commodities	7,766.97	9,483.08

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Import**(last three years)****(Value: US\$ Mn)**

S.No.	Commodity	Apr 2011- Mar 2012	Apr 2012 - Mar 2013	Apr 2013-Mar 2014
1	PETROLEUM, CRUDE & PRODUCTS	10,428.30	19,845.57	21,415.51
2	METALIFERS ORES & METAL SCRAP	2,630.10	3,457.83	2,890.80
3	VEGETABLE OILS FIXED (EDIBLE)	1,149.14	1,310.99	1,341.21
4	SUGAR	62.66	560.02	382.56
5	GOLD	308.72	161.43	215.47
6	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	179.34	218.93	202.65
7	ELECTRONIC GOODS	157.33	181.9	167.84
8	OTHER COMMODITIES	70.81	137.08	163.19
9	COAL, COKE & BRIQUETTES ETC.	64.4	138.99	127.1
10	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	111.91	145.46	102.1
	Sum of 10 Commodities	15,162.71	26,158.21	27,008.43
	Sum of all Commodities	16,178.53	27,497.07	28,128.05

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)**Current Trend (April-December)****(Value: US\$ Mn)**

S.No.	Commodity	Apr 2013- Dec 2013	Apr 2014- Dec 2014(P)
1	PETROLEUM: CRUDE	15,266.52	15,009.65
2	BULK MINERALS AND ORES	2,071.90	2,483.52
3	VEGETABLE OILS	915.47	1,553.66
4	GOLD	154.37	583.26
5	SUGAR	363	523.31
6	IRON AND STEEL	135.88	230.75
7	OTHER WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	138.65	178.97
8	IRON ORE		158.25
9	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	9.16	125.56
10	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	59.7	94.52
	Sum of 10 Commodities	19,114.64	20,941.45
	Sum of all Commodities	20,258.41	22,183.10

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Annexure- VI

India's top 10 Export/Import items to Latin American & Caribbean Countries (Quantity -Wise) during last three years i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14 and Current Trend

Export

(last three years)

Thousands Unit

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr 2011- Mar 2012	Apr 2012-Mar 2013	Apr 2013- Mar 2014
1	PETROLEUM (CRUDE & PRODUCTS)		5,231.35	1,06,731.83	1,19,540.23
2	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS			8,512.55	37,903.87
3	DRUGS,PHRMCUTES & FINE CHEMLS			36,263.23	36,280.11
4	MACHINERY AND INSTRUMENTS		2,25,001.97	17,515.71	20,384.53
5	INORGANIC/ORGANIC/AGRO CHEMLS	KG	2,25,001.97	13,793.45	12,962.32
6	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS			10,936.94	8,581.54
7	COTTON YARN, FABRICS, MADEUPSETC			8,156.43	8,288.79
8	PLASTIC & LINOLEUM PRODUCTS			9,874.47	7,179.97
9	MANUFACTURES OF METALS			4,582.62	3,353.44
10	PRMRY & SEMI-FNSHD IRON & STL	TON	206.73	5,966.06	3,187.64

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Current Trend (April-Dec)

Thousands Unit

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Apr 2014-Dec 2014(P)
1	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	TON	2,066.50	3,733.43
2	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	KGS	13,505.32	15,613.27
3	IRON AND STEEL	TON	303.5	348.12
4	AGRO CHEMICALS	KGS	48,823.83	47,878.88
5	TWO AND THREE WHEELERS			
6	COTTON YARN	TON	68.68	72.3
7	DYES	KGS	24,760.76	29,058.65
8	BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	KGS	9,734.10	9,329.53
9	PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	TON	90.99	97.76
10	ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM	TON	31.38	47.65

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Import**(last three years)**

Thousands Unit

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr 2011- Mar 2012	Apr 2012-Mar 2013	Apr 2013 - Mar 2014
1	PETROLEUM, CRUDE & PRODUCTS		14,658.18	29,023.09	32,419.23
2	METALIFERS ORES & METAL SCRAP				
3	VEGETABLE OILS FIXED (EDIBLE)	TON	889.36	1,041.33	1,319.92
4	SUGAR	TON		1,108.22	866.84
5	GOLD				
6	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS				
7	ELECTRONIC GOODS				
8	OTHER COMMODITIES				
9	COAL,COKE & BRIQUITTES ETC.	TON		589.39	1,229.33
10	INORGANIC CHEMICALS				

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

Current Trend (April-Dec)

Thousands Unit

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr 2013 - Dec 2013	Apr 2014-Dec 2014(P)
1	PETROLEUM: CRUDE	TON	23,114.63	25,157.94
2	BULK MINERALS AND ORES			
3	VEGETABLE OILS	TON	884.62	1,659.83
4	GOLD	KGS	4.81	25.26
5	SUGAR	TON	816.49	1,317.86
6	IRON AND STEEL	TON	143.47	225.49
7	OTHER WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS			
8	IRON ORE	TON		1,834.00
9	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	TON	46.61	185.2
10	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	29,847.13	43,280.02

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

ANNEXURE-VII

INDIA'S TOP TEN EXPORT/IMPORT ITEMS TO MEXICO DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS & CURRENT YEAR (VALUE WISE)

EXPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.no.	Commodity(sorted on basis of 2014 values)	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014
1	Transport equipments	276.34	424.82	721.94
2	Manufactures of metals	42.13	86.73	191.58
3	Aluminium othr than prdcts	31.87	119.33	174.53
4	Machinery and instruments	117.09	107.14	130.52
5	Inorganic/organic/agro chemls	92.91	110.62	123.84
6	Drugs,phrmcutes & fine chemls	137.37	138.05	120.55
7	Non-ferrous metals	1.91	9.56	103.51
8	Rmg cotton incl accessories	86.85	82.52	94.42
9	Manmade yarn,fabrics,madeups	75.11	76.48	69.8
10	Plastic & linoleum products	42.2	49.01	62.45
	Total of top ten	903.78	1204.26	1793.14
	Total of all commodities	1,368.21	1,628.24	2,227.57

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Value in US\$

Mn)

S.no.	Commodity	Apr-Dec 2013	Apr-Dec 2014(P)
1	Motor vehicle/cars	340.34	591.48
2	Aluminium, products of aluminm	100.41	291.33
3	Copper and prdcts made of copr	23.06	132
4	Auto components/parts	74.14	79.45
5	Rmg cotton incl accessories	68.34	76.94
6	Bulk drugs, drug intermediates	71.55	71.61
7	Organic chemicals	55.75	71.05
8	Iron and steel	25.08	65.26
9	Indl. Machnry for dairy etc	63.65	64.79
10	Manmade yarn,fabrics,madeups	51.98	54.91
	Total of top ten	874.3	1498.82
	Total of all commodities	1,447.27	2,140.54

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

IMPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.no.	Commodity	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014
1	Petroleum, crude & products	1,720.65	3,263.92	2,961.87
2	Electronic goods	401.5	339.16	271.31
3	Organic chemicals	20.92	35.11	55.49
4	Metalifers ores & metal scrap	88.58	91.62	53.14
5	Machry excpt elec & electronic	39.83	31.95	52.46
6	Transport equipments	42.78	53.86	49.39
7	Project goods	0.33	1.84	33.31
8	Other commodities	31.23	30.85	28.91
9	Profsnl inst,etc excpt elctrc	17.99	23.66	23.95
10	Artfcl resns,plstc matrls,etc.	52.21	44.57	22.74
	Top ten	2,416.02	3,916.54	3,552.57
	Total of all commodities	2,566.79	4,037.61	3,672.43

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Value in US\$ Mn)

S.no.	Commodity	Apr-Dec 2013	Apr-Dec 2014(P)
1	Petroleum: crude	2,245.71	2,029.75
2	Telecom instruments	116.67	149.39
3	Computer hardware, peripherals	35.96	46.59
4	Electronics instruments	34.38	32.76
5	Auto components/parts	28.61	30.58
6	Electronics components	13.32	20.99
7	Iron and steel	21	17.65
8	Bulk minerals and ores	13.9	16.19
9	Surgicals	14.76	15.66
10	Medical and scientific instrum	11.76	15.64
	Top ten	2,536.07	2,375.20
	All commodities	2,785.92	2,562.33

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

ANNEXURE-VIII

INDIA'S TOP 10 EXPORT/ IMPORT ITEMS TO MEXICO DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS & CURRENT YEAR (QUANTITY WISE)

EXPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014
1	ALUMINIUM OTHR THAN PRDCTS	KGS	12,761.17	50,913.37	82,948.58
2	INORGANIC/ORGANIC/AGRO CHEMLS	KGS	28,799.68	35,175.65	31,103.73
3	SPICES	KGS	9,560.29	17,033.72	13,673.81
4	DYES/INTMDTES & COAR TAR CHEML	KGS	5,013.41	6,857.52	6,898.72
5	SESAME SEEDS	KGS	8,491.96	4,499.50	4,918.60
6	CASTOR OIL	KGS	2,697.24	2,596.84	2,370.12
7	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	171.62	191.67	935.52
8	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	KGS	554.6	452.97	505.94
9	NIGER SEEDS	KGS	399.62	398.63	466
10	PAINTS/ENAMELS/VARNISHES ETC.	KGS	266.85	229.69	448.31

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Dec 2013	Apr-Dec 2014(P)
1	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	14,967.72	22,939.21
2	SPICES	KGS	5,995.37	10,013.53
3	DYES	KGS	4,235.84	4,352.98
4	AGRO CHEMICALS	KGS	3,622.69	3,602.74
5	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	680.77	2,979.89
6	SESAME SEEDS	KGS	3,132.60	2,273.00
7	BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	KGS	2,734.72	2,093.57
8	CASTOR OIL	KGS	1,623.12	1,855.91
9	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	1,110.55	1,529.99
10	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	KGS	1,286.37	1,457.41

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

IMPORTS

Last three years (Apr-Mar 2012,2013,2014)

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Mar 2012	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014
1	PETROLEUM, CRUDE & PRODUCTS		2,364.53	4,628.19	4,407.94
2	SPICES	KG	68.21	130.5	177.92
3	IRON & STEEL	TON	61.84	9.98	10.01
4	PULSES	TON	0.59	10.85	0.91
5	SYNTHC & RECLMD RUBBER	TON	1.29	0.87	0.7
6	ESSENTIAL OIL & COSMETIC PREPN	TON	0.17	0.29	0.36
7	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	TON	0.5	0.88	0.34
8	PAPER BOARD & MANUFACTURES	TON	0.36	0.24	0.28
9	FERTILIZERS,CRUDE	TON		0	0.09

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

Current year(Apr-Dec 2014-2015(P))

(Quantity in Thousands Unit)

S.No.	Commodity	Unit	Apr-Dec 2013	Apr-Dec 2014(P)
1	PETROLEUM: CRUDE	TON	3,319.48	3,151.40
2	PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC	KGS	666.39	1,158.84
3	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	520.5	744.99
4	FINISHED LEATHER	KGS	276.18	681.02
5	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	6,306.82	638.64
6	MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	59.96	130.92
7	AGRO CHEMICALS	KGS	60.07	124.71
8	BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	KGS	97.23	93.54
9	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	KGS	12.39	43.99
10	SPICES	KGS	79.99	35.99

(Source: DGCIS& S Kolkata)

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 830
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

QUALITY OF SPICES

830(H). SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a national policy for improving the quality of Indian spices to meet the International standards;
- b) if so, the details and the salient features thereof; and
- c) the other measures taken by the Government to improve the quality of Indian spices?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): Presently, there is no such proposal.

(c): Spices Board implements various export promotion schemes such as technology and process upgradation, setting up/upgradation of in-house quality controls, quality certification and training of laboratory personnel, providing assistance to the farmers for the post-harvest quality improvement through various quality improvement programs and imparting training to the farmers in Good Agriculture Practices for producing quality spices. The Spices Board has established 6 state of the art Quality Evaluation Laboratories in almost all the major port cities viz. Mumbai, Chennai, Cochin, Tuticorin, New Delhi and Guntur to evaluate the quality of spices exported from the country. The Laboratory provides analytical services to the Indian Spice Industry and also undertakes analysis of consignment samples under the mandatory inspection of Spices Board. Codex Alimentarius Commission has formed an exclusive Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) with India as Chair. The Secretariat of the CCSCH is now functioning in Spices Board to elaborate worldwide standards for spices and culinary herbs in their dried and dehydrated state in whole, ground, and cracked or crushed form.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 837
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015

FTAs/PTAs WITH COUNTRIES

837(H). SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:
SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:
SHRI PONGULETI SRINIVASA REDDY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) the countries with which India has entered into Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) and Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs) during each of the last three years and the current year;
- b) the quantum and value of trade (Exports/Imports) with such countries during each of the last three years and the current year, country and commodity-wise;
- c) whether the Government proposes to enter into FTAs and PTAs with some more countries including Israel, review the existing FTAs/PTAs to boost trade and investments in the country;
- d) if so, the details thereof indicating the countries with which such agreements are under negotiations, progress made in this regard so far, and the time by which the agreements are likely to be signed;
- e) the safeguard measures taken by the Government while negotiating such agreements; and
- f) the impact of such agreements in boosting country's trade and investments?

ANSWER

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- (a) India has not entered into any new Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) during the last three years. However, India expanded the scope of the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with ASEAN to Services and Investment on 09.09.2014 with its date of implementation as 01.07.2015.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The Government is negotiating new FTAs and expansion of existing FTAs with some countries, including Israel.

(d) The FTA negotiations are a continuous process and it is difficult to predict a time-line for conclusion. The list of 17 ongoing negotiations along with their status is at **Annexure-I**.

(e)&(f): Before entering into negotiations with its trading partners, studies are undertaken internally, as well as through the Joint Study Group (JSG) to study the feasibility of the proposed FTAs, including their impact on the domestic industry and agriculture sector. Consultations are also held with the domestic stakeholders including the Apex Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Industry Associations as well as the Administrative Ministries and Departments. In order to protect the interest of the domestic industry and agriculture sector, these agreements provide for maintaining sensitive/negative lists of items on which limited or no tariff concessions are granted under the FTA. In addition, in case of a surge in imports and injury to the domestic industry, a country is allowed to take recourse to the measures such as anti-dumping and safeguards.

Annexure-I

List of countries with which Government of India is negotiating FTAs, including expansion/review of some of the existing FTAs

S. No.	Name of the Agreement	Status
1	India - EU BTIA (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom)	Negotiations commenced in June 2007 covering a number of tracks ranging from Trade in Goods to Services. So far fifteen rounds of negotiations have been held. The last engagement between both sides was held in May, 2013 in New Delhi. Since then, EU had largely disengaged from the negotiations. However on the request of EU side, a meeting between Commerce Secretary and Chief Negotiator, EU was held on 30 th October, 2014 to take stock of negotiations.
2	India - Sri Lanka Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)	No discussion is currently taking place on India-Sri Lanka CEPA.
3	India - Thailand Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA)	28 rounds of India-Thailand Trade Negotiation committee (ITTNC) meetings have been held. The last round took place on 6-7 November, 2013 in New Delhi.
4	India - Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)	Ten rounds of negotiations on India-Mauritius CECPA have been held between the two sides so far. The last round of negotiation was held between India and Mauritius on 23-24 October, 2006. However, CECPA negotiations have been formally put on hold.
5	India EFTA (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein and Switzerland)	India EFTA (European Free Trade Association) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) was launched in January 2008. So far, thirteen rounds of negotiations have been held. 13 th Round was held on 25-29 th November, 2013 in New Delhi.
6	India - New Zealand CECA	10 Rounds of negotiation of CECA have been held so far. The 10 th Round was held in New Delhi on 17-18 February, 2015.
7	India - Israel FTA	Eight rounds of negotiations on India-Israel FTA have been held so far. Eighth round of negotiations was held in Israel from 24-26 November, 2013.
8	India - Singapore CECA	Second review of India-Singapore CECA was initiated in May, 2010. During the visit of the Minister of Commerce & Industry on 15-16 May, 2013 to Singapore, it was decided to constitute a Joint Working Group of Reserve Bank of India and Monetary Authority of Singapore to resolve the issue of Asset Maintenance Requirement in a time bound manner to conclude the 2 nd Review on the issue of Employee Provident Fund.

9	India - SACU PTA (South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia)	Five rounds of negotiations have been held so far. 5 th round of negotiations was held in Oct 2010 in New Delhi.
10	India - Mercosur PTA (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay)	The two issues currently under discussion on the India-Mercosur PTA are the expansion in coverage and inclusion of Venezuela in the PTA.
11	India – Chile PTA	With the objective to gain optimal benefits and boost up bilateral trade between two countries, the discussion on expansion of India-Chile PTA is currently in progress.
12	BIMSTEC CECA (Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bhutan and Nepal)	19 meetings of the Trade Negotiation Committee (TNC) have taken place. The 19 th Round was held in Bangkok from 21 to 23, February 2011.
13	India - Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Framework Agreement (Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and United Arab Emirates)	Two rounds of negotiations have been held so far in 2006 and 2008. The second round was held in September 9-10, 2008. No round could take place in the last 6 years since GCC has deferred its negotiations with all countries and economic groups and is currently reviewing its negotiations with all countries and economic groups.
14	India – Canada FTA	Eight rounds of negotiation on India-Canada CEPA have been held so far. The 8 th Round was held in Ottawa, Canada from 24 th to 26 th June, 2013. The next round will be held in New Delhi.
15	India - Indonesia CECA Consultations	Commencement of negotiation on Indonesia - India CECA was announced on 25 th January 2011 during the visit of Indonesian President to New Delhi. The first meeting pre-negotiation and Biennial Trade and Investment Forum (BTIF) took place in Jakarta on October 3-4, 2011. Negotiation has been kept in abeyance watching progress of RCEP.
16	India – Australia CECA	Six rounds of negotiations have been held so far. The sixth round of negotiations was held on 18-19, December, 2014 in New Delhi, India.
17	Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Agreement among ASEAN + 6 FTA Partners (Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand)	Based on the Declaration of the Leaders during the ASEAN Summit in November, 2012, negotiations for a comprehensive economic partnership between the 10 ASEAN member states and its 6 FTA partners commenced in May, 2013. Seven rounds of negotiations have been held so far. The 7 th Round was held in Bangkok, Thailand from 9-13 February, 2015. The negotiations cover a number of areas like goods, services, investment, intellectual property, competition, economic & technical cooperation and legal and institutional issues.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 892
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DUTY ON IMPORT OF COTTON

892. SHRI J.C. DIVAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has rejected the proposal of the Ministry of Textiles to impose 10 per cent duty on overseas sale of cotton beyond the declared exportable surplus limit; and
- b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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- a) and b): The information is being collected and will laid on the Table of the House.

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**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 902
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH FEBRUARY 2015**

INCLUSION OF INDIA IN RCEP

902. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- a) whether the Government proposes to join the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP);
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) the benefits likely to accrue to the country to boost bilateral trade;
- d) whether certain additional facilities are proposed to be given to Indian workers in other countries; and
- e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

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(a) to (e): Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) is a proposed comprehensive Free Trade Agreement which is being negotiated between ten ASEAN member states and their six FTA partners namely India, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand and Republic of Korea. Seven rounds of negotiations under RCEP have been completed with the last round held from 9th – 13th February, 2015 in Thailand. The RCEP is intended to facilitate and thereby increase goods and services trade as well as investment flows amongst the participating countries.
