

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 5
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

TRADE DEFICIT WITH CHINA

***5. DR. BHOLA SINGH:**

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

- (a) the details of India's trade with China during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India's Trade Deficit with China has widened during the said period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to bridge the widening trade gap with China by adopting new strategies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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“TRADE DEFICIT WITH CHINA ”**

(a): Details of the merchandise imports, exports and the trade deficit with China during the last three years and the current year upto February 2016 are given below:-

Bilateral Trade between India and China 2012-13 to 2014-15 and the current year

Value in US\$ Billion				
Year	Import	Export	Total Trade	Trade Deficit
2012-13	52.25	13.58	65.83	38.67
2013-14	51.04	14.87	65.91	36.17
2014-15	60.41	11.96	72.37	48.45
2015-16 (April- February) (P)	56.93	8.25	65.18	48.68

(P): Provisional(Source; DGCI&S)

(b): During the said period India's trade deficit with China increased from US\$ 38.67 billion in 2012-13 to US\$ 48.45 billion in 2014-15. For the period April-February 2015-16 the trade deficit increased to US\$ 48.68 billion

Increasing trade deficit with China can be attributed primarily to the fact that Chinese exports to India rely strongly on manufactured items to meet the demand of fast expanding sectors like telecom and power, while India's exports to China are characterized by primary and intermediate products. The major imports from China are products such as telecom instruments, computer hardware and peripherals, fertilizers, electronic components/instruments, project goods, organic chemicals and drug intermediates, consumer electronics, electrical machinery and equipments, iron and steel etc. These imports feed the growing demand in India for such goods which China, due to variety of reasons, is able to export to India at competitive prices.

(c)& (d): Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China and Ministry of Commerce & Industry of the Republic of India jointly developed and signed in September 2014 the Five-Year Development Program for Economic and Trade Cooperation in order to lay down a medium term roadmap for promoting balanced and sustainable development of economic and trade relations between China and India, on the principle of equality and mutual benefit.

The Five Year Program recognizes and states "that trade deficit with China is a matter of high concern for India. Against this background and in the spirit of mutual benefit, India and China shall endeavour to strengthen cooperation and gradually achieve bilateral trade balance over the next 5 years. India and China shall further endeavour to increase bilateral

trade in services particularly Information Technology (IT) & Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) in the next 5 years.”

A Joint Working Group (JWG) on Information Technology (IT) has been constituted under the MoU between the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology of the Republic of India and Ministry of Industry & Information Technology of the People's Republic of China on co-operation in the field of Information and Communication Technology. The first meeting of this JWG was held on 15th -16th December, 2014 where two countries deliberated to further promote Indian IT and ITES exports to China.

Efforts are being made to increase overall exports by diversifying the trade basket with emphasis on manufactured goods, services, resolution of market access issues and other non-tariff barriers. This is done through bilateral meetings and institutional dialogues. Indian exporters are encouraged to participate in major trade fairs in China and other countries to show-case Indian products.

The Government has also taken various measures to extend support to exporters including to China which are indicated below:

- i. The New Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20) was announced on 1st April, 2015 with a focus on supporting both manufacturing and services exports and improving the ‘Ease of Doing Business’. The FTP introduced two new schemes, namely, ‘Merchandise Exports from India Scheme’ (MEIS) for incentivising export of specified goods to specified markets and ‘Service Exports from India Scheme’ (SEIS) for promoting export of notified services from India, by consolidating earlier schemes.
- ii. In the light of the major challenges being faced by Indian exporters in the backdrop of the global economic slowdown, the envisaged revenue outgo under MEIS was increased from Rs. 18000 Crore to Rs. 21000 Crore in October 2015 with accompanying enhancement in benefits on certain products and inclusion of certain additional items.
- iii. By way of trade facilitation and enhancing the ease of doing business Government has reduced the number of mandatory documents required for exports and imports. The trade community can file applications online for various trade related schemes.

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LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 15
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APEC MEMBERSHIP

***15. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):**

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

- (a) the membership status of India in the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum at present;
- (b) whether last year's Indo-US joint declaration has merely noted India's interest in APEC and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the United States has invited India to participate in APEC as an observer;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken or being taken by the Government to seek membership of APEC; and
- (e) the justification of the Government of India for not joining the APEC as a full member despite having an 'Act East Policy' as a foreign relations priority?

ANSWER

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REGARDING “APEC MEMBERSHIP ”

- (a) India had applied for membership of APEC in 1991 on the basis of its geographic location, potential size of the economy and degree of trade interaction with the Asia-Pacific. However, at the 5th APEC Leaders' meeting in Vancouver in 1997, a decision was taken to place a 10 year moratorium on expanding membership which continues informally till date.
- (b) & (c) The US-India Joint Strategic Vision for the Asia-Pacific and Indian Ocean Region issued on 25 January 2015 states that “as part of these efforts, the United States welcomes India’s interest in joining the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, as the Indian economy is a dynamic part of the Asian economy.”
- (d) & (e) India is engaging with APEC member countries to develop a consensus on lifting the informal moratorium on accepting new members and to engage for India’s candidature for membership of APEC.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1
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MERCHANDISE EXPORTS

1. SHRI V. ELUMALAI:

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

- (a) whether India's total merchandise export for 2014 has been valued at US \$ 321 billion against US \$ 314 billion in the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the services exports have increased strongly in 2014 at 4.8 per cent; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b) :As per DGCIS, India's Merchandise Exports were US \$ 310.3 billion during April 2014-March 2015 compared to US \$ 314.4 billion during April 2013-March 2014.

(c) & (d) : India's Service exports were US \$ 155.45 billion during April 2014-March 2015 compared to US \$ 151.48 billion during April 2013-March 2014 showing an increase of 2.62%(Source:RBI).

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5 (H)
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REVIEW OF MEAT EXPORT POLICY

5(H). SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL:

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

- (a) whether the Government/ Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is providing subsidy on transportation of beef and mutton to the ports and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government/APEDA proposes to stop the said subsidy and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any Committee has urged the Government to review meat export policy in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for delay in implementation of the recommendations made by the said Committee?

ANSWER

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(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) In February, 2014, the Hon'ble Committee on Petitions of the Rajya Sabha through their 151st Report on the petition praying for review of meat export policy, has directed the Government to send Action Taken Report on various recommendations/observations made by the Hon'ble Committee. Since, the recommendations/observations were related to various organizations, all States/ Union Territories and various Central Government Agencies. Accordingly, all principal Stakeholders viz.all State Governments/Union Territories and Central Government organizations were consulted and based upon their responses, a detailed reply was forwarded to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on 3rd September, 2014.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.11
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TRADE PROPOSALS

11. SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA:
SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals on bilateral trade from the neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the terms and conditions of the Government to spread the Indian business in the neighbouring countries; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government to enhance cross-border trade with a view to promote economic growth and employment in the country particularly in North East Region?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (c) The Government continues to engage pro-actively with SAARC countries to strengthen trade and economic relations. Issues impacting bilateral trade, raised by these countries, are taken up for an early resolution. Bilateral and multilateral trade discussions are held with these countries from time to time, to explore mechanisms for enhancement of cross border trade.

Government has set up Border Haats at India-Bangladesh border to promote well-being of the people dwelling in remote areas by establishing traditional system of marketing the local produce through local markets. Issues relating to improvement of trade infrastructure in the form of upgradation of Land Custom Stations are also being coordinated between the concerned states and the neighbouring countries.

Further, assistance is provided under Market Access Initiative(MAI) and Market Development Assistance(MDA) schemes to Indian exporters, Export Promotion Councils, Apex Trade Bodies etc for participation in events in foreign countries, including countries in neighbourhood.

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EXPORTS FROM THE COUNTRY

12 (H). SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken measures to augment the export from the country;
- (b) if so, whether the export sector has been benefited from these measures;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Indian goods are comparatively expensive in the international market; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the measures taken by the Government to deal with this situation?

ANSWER

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(a) The following are some of the measures Government has taken recently to promote exports :

(i) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015. MEIS aims to incentivize export of merchandise which are produced/manufactured in India. At the time of introduction of MEIS on April 1, 2015, the scheme covered 4914 tariff lines at 8 digit level. Countries of the globe were grouped into 3 market categories (Country Group A, Country Group B & Country Group C) for grant of incentives under MEIS. Slight changes in lines covered etc. were made on 14.07.2015 and 15.7.2015. Thereafter on 29.10.2015, 110 new Tariff Lines at 8 digit level were added under the scheme. The rates/country coverage for 2228 lines at 8 digit level were enhanced. As on date, 5012 Tariff Lines at 8 digit level are eligible for rewards under MEIS. The annual resource allocation under MEIS was enhanced from Rs. 18000 crore to Rs. 21000 crore in October 2015.

(ii) The Government has introduced the Interest Equalisation Scheme on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit with effect from 1.4.2015. The scheme is available to all exports under 416 tariff lines [at ITC (HS) code of 4 digit] and exports made by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across all ITC (HS) codes. The rate of interest equalisation is 3% per annum.

(iii) In addition the Government continues to provide the facility of access to duty free raw materials and capital goods for exports through schemes like Advance Authorisation, Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) and drawback/refund of duties.

(b) & (c) While India's exports during April 2015 – February 2016 over the April 2014 – February 2015 declined by 16.7%, the decline for the products covered under MEIS for the same period was only 8.95%.

(d) & (e) International Trade is governed on the basis of various factors including demand and supply, global economic situation and competitive pricing. The government takes steps to improve the competitiveness of Indian goods through steps like improvement in infrastructure and ease of doing business.

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ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS FOR EXPORT

40 (H). SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to provide assistance to the farmers growing grapes in the country particularly in Nasik district for directly exporting their produce;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a to c) The cultivation of grapes is supported through Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in all the States by providing assistance in the form of planting material, drip irrigation, trellies and integrated nutrient and pest management. The maximum of Rs.1.60 lakh/ha (40% of the cost) for integrated package with drip irrigation & trellies and Rs.0.50 lakh /ha (40% of the cost) for without integration are given to meet the expenditure on planting material and cost of material for drip irrigation, trellies & INM/IPM in three installments of 60:20:20 to survival rate of 75% in 2nd year and 90% in 3rd year. The assistance will be @ 50% of cost for NE and Himalayan States, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

The Government is implementing a number of measures and incentives for promoting the exports of agricultural products including grapes. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under the administrative control of the Department of Commerce extends financial assistance to the eligible exporters under “Agriculture export promotion Plan Scheme” which comprises of various components namely; Market Development; Infrastructure Development; Quality Development; and Transport Assistance. Also, exports of grapes are eligible for an incentive of 5% under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS).

In addition to this Grape Net is an internet based electronic service offered by APEDA to the Stakeholders for facilitating testing and certification of Grapes for export from India to the European Union in compliance with the standards identified by NRC Pune, on the basis of consultation with exporters. Grape Net collects, stores and reports – forward and backward traces and quality assurance data entered by the stakeholders i.e. exporters, laboratories and PSC authorities within Grapes supply chain in India.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.46
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FUNDING OF EXPORTS TO IRAN

46. DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE:

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

- (a) whether India is planning to fund the exports to Iran through Export Development Fund (EDF) of EXIM bank;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any buyers credit facility has been provided to Iran under EDF system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a)&(b)The Exim Bank of India and seven Iranian Banks led by Central Bank of Iran negotiated a Framework Agreement in November, 2014 for financing the purchase of goods and services from India by Iranian entities, under the Export Development Fund(EDF).

(c)&(d)Government has approved provision of Buyers' Credit Facility to Iran up to Rs 3000 crore under the aforesaid Framework Agreement for export of steel rails by State Trading Corporation and the Chabahar Port Development Project.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.82
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GI TAG FOR BASMATI RICE

82. SHRI RAOSAHEB DANVE PATIL:

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

- a) whether the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority has applied for Geographical Indication (GI) tag for basmati rice;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with its present status and the benefits likely to accrue therefrom;
- c) whether Pakistan has challenged this application; and
- d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

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- (a & b) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) had applied for Geographical Indication (GI) tag for basmati rice. Certificate for Registration of Basmati rice as a GI has been issued on 15th February, 2016 by GI Registry in Chennai based on the application filed by APEDA on 26th November, 2008.

Registration as GI protects the right of growers in traditional growing areas to use the term 'Basmati' for rice grown by them which is from one of the varieties notified as Basmati under the Seeds Act. Registration gives exclusive right to the authorized users, for use of the term Basmati rice for the rice of Basmati varieties, grown in the GI area.

Subsequent to this registration, use of term Basmati rice by parties other than authorized users and/or for the rice grown outside GI area is illegal. The registration as GI gives APEDA (registered proprietor) and the authorized users the right to obtain relief in respect of infringement in the manner provided by the GI Act. The inflow of non-authentic rice in the supply chain of Basmati would be checked which, is expected to help better price realization for the authorized users of Basmati GI that would include farmers, millers and traders/exporters both in domestic and international markets.

- (c & d) The application of APEDA was opposed by Basmati Growers Association (BGA) Lahore (Pakistan). However, BGA did not file its evidence in GI Registry within the period prescribed under the GI Rules. Accordingly, vide order dated 31st December,

2013 the GI Registry treated the opposition by BGA as abandoned. This decision has been upheld by Intellectual Property Appellate Board by their order dated 05th February, 2016.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.94 (H)
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EXPORT OF SEA FOOD AND SEA PRODUCE

94 (H). SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the European Union is the biggest market for potential export of sea produce from India and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the total quantity and value of sea food/sea produce exported from the country State-wise particularly Maharashtra to other countries including European Union countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of procedural and financial problems being faced while exporting sea produce from India to the European Union along with the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Marine Product Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has taken steps to increase the export of sea food and make India an attractive destination for sea food and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) Yes, Madam. The European Union is a potential market for the export of seafood from India. Export of sea food from India to EU for the last three years is given below:-

Q: Quantity in Tons, V: Value in Rs. Crore,				
		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
European Union	Q:	174686	188031	177826
	V:	6129.69	6715.58	6002.10

* Provisional

Source: MPEDA –

EU is the largest importer of fish and fishery products in the world.

(b). State-wise data is not maintained separately in Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS). However, the quantity and value of the seafood exported from India to top 5 destinations for three years i.e. 2013-14, 2014-15 and 2015-16 is as under:-

MARKET WISE EXPORT OF MARINE PRODUCTS				
Q: Quantity in M T, V: Value in Rs. Crore, \$: US Dollar Million				
Market		2015-16 *	2014-15	2013-14
JAPAN	Q:	73969	78772	71484
	V:	2562.77	3040.26	2463.83
	\$:	396.21	502.29	410.95
USA	Q:	149300	129667	110880
	V:	8353.67	8830.12	7744.67
	\$:	1292.21	1458.24	1286.04
EUROPEAN UNION	Q:	177826	188031	174686
	V:	6002.10	6715.58	6129.69
	\$:	924.32	1106.67	1013.28
CHINA	Q:	49008	59519	75783
	V:	1377.79	1349.00	1766.72
	\$:	212.48	221.44	293.12
SOUTH EAST ASIA	Q:	318825	409931	380061
	V:	7180.72	8620.85	8046.59
	\$:	1104.75	1416.82	1320.95
Total	Q:	768929	865920	812893
	V:	25477.06	28555.82	26151.50
	\$:	3929.97	4705.46	4324.33

*Provisional

No data is available for current year.

(c) The European Union has set up strict quality regulations for import. Import of marine products are subject to clearance of border inspection post. Some of Indian marine products are being rejected due to presence of banned chemicals, bacterial contamination, presence of heavy metals, poor temperature etc.

Implementation of European Union Regulation to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing demands validation of catch certificate for export of sea foods to European Union from 1st January 2010. MPEDA has taken up steps for implementation of catch certificate system.

(d). Yes Madam. MPEDA has set up 4 quality control laboratories, 19 ELISA screening Labs, 21 sample collection centers etc. to improve quality of exports. Besides this, MPEDA is imparting training to technologists of Indian seafood industry on various aspects of quality control and is also providing infrastructural facilities like pre-processing centers etc.

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TOBACCO PRODUCTION

98. SHRI K.N. RAMACHANDRAN:

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

- (a) whether tobacco production in the country has declined during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the total revenue earned by the Government through tobacco products during the said period?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (b) The Tobacco Board, set up under an Act of Parliament [“TOBACCO BOARD ACT, 1975] is regulating the production and curing of only Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco based on the demand for tobacco in India and abroad, marketability of different types of FCV tobacco to ensure fair and remunerative prices to growers.

FCV tobacco production was 270.50 million kilogram in 2012-13, 315.95 million Kgs in 2013-14 and 293.55 million Kgs in 2014-15.

- (c) The Central Excise duty collected by the Central Government from tobacco products during each of the last three years was as under:

Financial Year	Revenue (Rs. in crore)
2013-14	17510
2014-15	19232
2015-16	21463

(Source: Department of Revenue)

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.99
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NATURAL RUBBER

99. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

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

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to arrest the fall of natural rubber prices which has adversely affected a large number of people including rubber growers, labourers and their families and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the month-wise details of natural rubber imports through all the channels in to the country during 2015-16, up to 31st October, 2015; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to utilize Price Stabilisation fund to save rubber growers and rubber cultivation?

ANSWER

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- (a) The Government has increased the duty on import of dry rubber from “20% or Rs 30 per kg whichever is lower” to “25% or Rs. 30 per kg. whichever is lower” w.e.f 30.4.2015 in order to increase the cost of imported rubber and create demand for locally produced rubber. The Government has also reduced the period of utilization of imported dry rubber under advance licensing scheme from 18 months to 6 months. RSS (Ribbed Smoked Sheet) and TSR (Technically Specified Rubber) has been added in Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS) which make them eligible for an incentive at the rate of two per cent of export values. DGFT has imposed port restriction on the import of natural rubber by restricting the port of entry to Chennai and NhavaSheva(Jawaharlal Nehru Port) vide Notification No. 32/2015-2020 dated 20th January, 2016.
- (b) The month-wise details of Natural Rubber imports into the country during 2015-16 are as under:

Month	Import (Tonnes)
April, 2015	37916
May, 2015	34772

June, 2015	34098
July, 2015	38679
August, 2015	34788
September, 2015	34645
October, 2015	41295

- (c) The Price Stabilization Fund Scheme was implemented by the Central Government from the year 2003 to 2013 with a view to protect the farmers of plantation crops including rubber, from losses on account of price fluctuations with the support from the Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF). The scheme was reviewed and, in light of the experience gained from implementing the Scheme, a market-linked Revenue Insurance Scheme for Plantation Crops (RISPC) has been devised for protecting the farmers of plantation crops, including rubber plantations, against losses arising from both fluctuations in yield as well as prices. The scheme has been shared with the State Governments to meet their share of insurance premium.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.101
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PRICE OF DRUGS MANUFACTURED IN SEZS

101. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has discussed with the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare the increase of Price of drugs manufactured in Special Economic Zones (SEZs) of the country by 22% as it negates the purpose of SEZs;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof along with steps being taken by Government to nullify the effect of withdrawal of exemption for SEZs; and
- (c) if not, the reasons for not discussing the issue as such price disruption makes SEZs less competitive in nature?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) vide G.S.R. No. 124(E) dated the 28th January, 2016 has withdrawn the exemption/ concessional customs duties on 76 specified drugs so as to eliminate the disadvantage to the domestic manufacturers of such drugs resulting that these 76 imported drugs (including those cleared from Special Economic Zone to domestic tariff area) would attract applicable customs duties.

Subsequently, in order to assess the impact of withdrawal of customs duties exemption / concession on these drugs, a Committee comprising of representatives of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Director General of Health Services, Department of Revenue, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, Central Drugs Standards Control Organization, National AIDS Control Programme and experts from All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Safdarjung Hospital and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital was constituted in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. On the recommendation of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare exemption/ concession of customs duties on three drugs, namely, Octreotide; Somatropin; and Anti-Haemophilic factor concentrate VIII & IX has been restored vide Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) notification G.S.R. No. 177(E) dated 17th February, 2016.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.111 (H)
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MISUSE OF EXPORT PROMOTION SCHEMES

111 (H). SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has ascertained the names of such companies during the last three years which are misusing the export promotion schemes;
- (b) if so, the company-wise details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken against these companies and the rules under which action has been taken against them?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the house.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.114 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

ILLEGAL STEEL IMPORTS

114 (H). SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:

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

- (a) whether steel is being imported illegally from China even after fixing minimum price of its import by the Government with a view to reduce the import of steel;
- (b) if so, the details of such instances of illegal trade which have come to the notice of the Government along with the action taken thereon; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check the illegal trade?

ANSWER

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- (a) & (b): After the issuance of Notification No.38/2015-2020 dated 5.2.2016, imposing Minimum Import Price on import of Iron & Steel against 173 tariff lines of Chapter 72 under ITC (HS), 2012, Schedule – I (Import Policy), a few cases were detected wherein the importers had not adopted the Minimum Import Price of Steel. In such cases, the goods were assessed at the notified Minimum Import Price and were released only after imposition of redemption fine and penalty.
- (c): Scrupulous care is being taken to verify import of steel after 5.2.2016 i.e. the date from which Minimum Import Price was notified.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.128 (H)
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QUALITY OF CHINESE PRODUCTS

128 (H). SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether cheap, harmful and poor quality toys, electrical equipments and other products of China are being imported into the country on a large scale and these products are openly available at retail shops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to check the import of these products as well as their sale at shops; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government for checking the quality of products imported from China and other countries?

ANSWER

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- (a) to (c): Goods consumed by people vary in terms of characteristics and parameters, given the differentiated nature of consumer demand, which is true also for imported goods. However, the Foreign Trade Policy (2015-2020) provides safeguards against poor quality imports by providing for Domestic Laws/ Rules/ Orders/ Regulations / Technical Specifications/ Environmental/ Safety and Health Standards applicable to domestically produced goods to be applicable, mutatis mutandis, to imports, unless specifically exempted.

Trade defence measures like anti– dumping duty and countervailing duty are available to industries to seek remedies under the prescribed provisions.

India has an elaborate and robust legal framework and institutional set up to protect its environment, life and health of its people, plants and animals. The Ministry of

Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has notified the Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2008 for environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes. The BIS standards applicable to domestic goods, are also applicable to imported goods. For imported food and edible items, Food Safety and Standards Act (FSSA), 2006 and Rules there under are also applicable. Ministry of Steel has notified the Steel and Steel product (Quality Control Order 2015) dated 15/12/2015 prescribing standards for import of steel and steel products. Further, import of milk and milk products (including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/ confectionary/ food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient) from China is prohibited till 23.6.2016 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.129
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EXPORT RULES

129. SHRI P.C. MOHAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government is having any proposal for mandatory export rule when the domestic output is higher than the domestic demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to provide any kind of assistance like incentive, cash subsidy or any other form of assistance to compensate the difference in the prices in case the International market is lower than the cost of production of domestic output and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the commodities or items to be covered under the mandatory export rule and the penal provisions for not complying with the rules?

ANSWER

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(a) : The Government is not contemplating any such proposal for mandatory export rule.

(b) to (d): Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.135 (H)
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IMPORT OF WHEAT

135 (H). SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:

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

- (a) the total quantity and value of wheat imported in the country during the year 2015-16;
- (b) whether the quality of imported wheat is better in comparison to the domestic wheat produced;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to frame any policy to discontinue import of wheat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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(a) The total quantity and value of wheat imported in the country during the year 2015-16 (Upto February) is given as under:-

YEAR	UNIT	QTY	VAL(US \$)
2015-16 (APR TO FEB)*	TON	513417	134356509

Source: DGCI&S /*Provisional

(b)&(c) Imported wheat is required to comply with the domestic standards applicable in the country from time to time. There are several factors apart from quality which may result into deciding upon the import decision by an importer of any agri commodity.

(d) & (e) Under the Foreign Trade Policy, import of wheat is allowed and is subject to an import duty of 25% w.e.f. 19.10.2015. The Government takes a call on the calibration of import duty from time to time depending upon the requirements of time, after appropriate inter-ministerial consultations.

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.158 (H)
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LAND ACQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SEZS

158 (H). SHRI JASVANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:
SHRIMATI SAKUNTALA LAGURI:
SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:

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

- (a) the total area of land notified/ acquired for development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the total area of land utilised for the purpose during the said period, State/UTwise including the land unutilised along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to review the SEZ policy in order to revive unutilised zones and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to return the unutilised land to farmers and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the number of rural and agricultural industries being benefited from SEZs along with the extent of benefit in terms of percentage received by the said industries by way of SEZs?

ANSWER

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(a) and (b): During the last three years and as on 8th April, 2016, 27 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) have been notified over an area of 3591.56 hectares. State-wise number of these SEZs and its area notified is at **Annexure**.

(c) and (d): The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZ policy. In order to operationalise the non-functional SEZs, review meetings with the Development Commissioners of SEZs are held regularly. Steps for time bound delivery of services,

digitization and online processing of various activities involving Developers and Units have been taken. Also Road Shows in various cities of the country to give wide publicity to SEZs have been organised. Further, land is a State subject and land for SEZs is procured as per the policy and procedures of the respective State Governments. The Board of Approval for SEZs only considers those proposals, which have been duly recommended by the State Government.

(e): Since SEZs Act, 2005 and Rules, 2006 were notified in June, 2005 and February, 2006 respectively, approvals have been granted for setting up of 10 SEZs for Agro and Food Processing sector having the share of 2.15% to the total number of SEZs.

Annexure to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 158 for 25th April, 2016

State-wise number of SEZs and its area notified during the last three years and as on 8th April, 2016:			
(Area in hectares)			
Sl. No.	States	Number of Notified SEZs	Total Area Notified
1	Gujarat	2	1912.29
2	Karnataka	1	17.42
3	Kerala	5	135.80
4	Madhya Pradesh	3	103.11
5	Maharashtra	5	318.24
6	Manipur	1	10.85
7	Nagaland	1	290.00
8	Odisha	1	500.15
9	Tamil Nadu	3	238.95
10	Telangana	3	13.12
11	Uttar Pradesh	2	51.63
	TOTAL	27	3591.56

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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.159
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DECLINE IN EXPORTS

159. SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:
SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL:
SHRI M.B. RAJESH:
SHRI KIRTI AZAD:
SHRI SHARAD TRIPATHI:
SHRI ARJUN MEGHWAL:
DR. K. GOPAL:
SHRI C.N. JAYADEVAN:
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

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

- (a) the quantum and value of export vis-a-vis export target fixed during each of the last three years, commodity/sector and country-wise;
- (b)) whether there is a decline in the exports of major sectors during the said period resulting in increase in trade deficit;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor, sector-wise and its impact on country's economic growth;
- (d) the details of the problems/ challenges being faced by Indian exporters along with the steps taken by the Government to address them including the export incentive schemes announced by the Government for exporters; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to boost exports, reduce the trade deficit and achieve the export targets?

ANSWER

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- (a) The commodity and country-wise data on quantum and value of exports of the country for the last three years is available in the CDs of DGCI&S publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Vol. 1 (Exports) for March 2014, March 2015 and January 2016. These CDs are also regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata for reference.

Value of Exports data vis-à-vis export targets fixed during each of the last three years, are given as under:

Value: USD Billion

Year	Target fixed*	Exports
2013-14	325	314.4
2014-15	340	310.3
2015-16	No target fixed	261.1@

*Source:DoC @ (Provisional)

(b) and (c) The key sectors which recorded a major decline in exports are as under:

Value: USD Million

COMMODITY	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (April-February) (Provisional)	Growth of 2015-16 (Apr-Feb)/w.r.t 2014-15(Apr-Feb)
PETROLEUM CRUDE & PRODUCTS	63,177.46	56,794.15	28,140.91	-48.03
SHIP, BOAT AND FLOATING STRUCT	3,724.76	5,352.61	2,807.90	-44.94
AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT AND PARTS	4,584.87	6,159.19	3,570.61	-38.9
IRON AND STEEL	9,223.40	8,684.40	5,154.20	-35.67
RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	2,925.05	3,336.84	2,081.72	-32.53
COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR	2,855.01	3,420.30	2,313.64	-26.61
RICE –BASMOTI	4,864.69	4,516.28	3,221.54	-21.71
GOLD AND OTH PRECS METL JWLERY	10,857.70	13,242.41	9,930.37	-18.6
PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL	6,780.18	7,562.81	5,644.30	-18.21
IC ENGINES AND PARTS	1,770.30	2,397.98	1,830.60	-16.39
BUFFALO MEAT	4,350.23	4,781.18	3,747.04	-15.04
MARINE PRODUCTS	5,016.46	5,510.49	4,408.14	-14.17
MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	5,183.47	5,275.03	4,292.01	-11.67
PEARL, PRECS, SEMIPRECS STONES	27,159.49	24,758.79	20,424.45	-10.46
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	5,641.15	5,394.35	4,421.27	-10

Source:DGCI&S

The trade deficit in recent period has been as follows:

Value: USD Billion

Period	Exports	Imports	Trade Deficit
2013-14	314.41	450.20	-135.79
2014-15	310.34	448.03	-137.69

2015-16 (Provisional)	261.14	379.60	-118.46
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Source: DGCIS

Some key reasons for negative export growth in the recent period are as follows:

- (i) Fall in global demand and fall in commodity prices impacting terms of trade for commodity exporters.
- (ii) Fall in the prices of petroleum crude resulting in consequent decline in prices as well as export realizations for petroleum products, which are major items of export for India.
- (iii) EU Countries that account for nearly 16% of India's export, are facing stagnation. China is also experiencing a slow down. The recovery in US has been moderate and uncertain in terms of sustainability.
- (iv) There is a general slowdown in the world GDP growth and hence in growth of World Trade. Some increase in trade barriers has also been reported.

(d) and (e) Steps have been taken to address the trade deficit through promotion of exports, as described below. Efforts are also made to address country specific impediments through bilateral trade engagements. Details of some key steps taken by Government to boost exports and reverse the current trend in foreign trade are as follows:-

- i) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015. MEIS aims to incentivize export of merchandise which are produced/manufactured in India. At the time of introduction of MEIS on April 1, 2015, the scheme covered 4914 tariff lines at 8 digit level. Countries of the globe were grouped into 3 market categories (Country Group A, Country Group B & Country Group C) for grant of incentives under MEIS. Slight changes in lines covered etc. were made on 14.07.2015 and 15.7.2015. Thereafter on 29.10.2015, 110 new Tariff Lines at 8 digit level were added under the scheme. The rates/country coverage for 2228 lines at 8 digit level were enhanced. As on date, 5012 Tariff Lines at 8 digit level are eligible for rewards under MEIS. The annual resource allocation under MEIS was enhanced from Rs. 18000 crore to Rs. 21000 crore in October 2015.
- ii) The Government has introduced the Interest Equalisation Scheme on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit with effect from 1.4.2015. The scheme is available to all exports under 416 tariff lines [at ITC (HS) code of 4 digit] and exports made by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across all ITC (HS) codes. The rate of interest equalisation is 3% per annum.

- iii) In addition the Government continues to provide the facility of access to duty free raw materials and capital goods for exports through schemes like Advance Authorisation, Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) and Drawback/Refund of Duties.

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.162
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CONCESSIONS TO SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

**162. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:**

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

- (a) the details of concessions being provided/proposed to be provided by the Government to Special Economic Zones (SEZs);
- (b) whether the Government has taken any decision on Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT), Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) and dual use of infrastructure in SEZs and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the exports from SEZs have declined despite withdrawal of MAT and DDT during the last three years and the current year and if so, the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Export Promotion Council for EoUs and SEZs for enhancing exports as well as resolving issues concerning EoUs and SEZs;
- (d) whether the Government has devised policies and strategies to develop both public and public sector SEZs to promote Food Processing and Packaging sector, IT/ ITeS, Automobiles and Auto ancillaries manufacturing, Leather Sector, Electronic and Hardware and Software services and Textiles sector;
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the results achieved in these sectors during the last five years; and
- (f) whether the Government has focussed on the improvement of quality and value of export products from SEZs in the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

ANSWER

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(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
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- (a) The fiscal concessions and duty benefits allowed to Special Economic Zones (SEZs) are in-built into the SEZs Act, 2005 and Rules thereunder. These exemptions are uniformly applicable to all SEZs and are in the nature of incentives for export and are

consistent with the principles that guide export promotion initiatives of the Government in general.

- (b) Ministry of Finance has withdrawn the exemption from Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT) to SEZ Developers and Units with effect from 1st April, 2012, and also the exemption of Dividend Distribution Tax (DDT) in the case of SEZ Developers under the Income-tax Act for dividends declared, distributed or paid after 1st June, 2011. In order to facilitate creation of Social & Commercial infrastructure and other facilities in Non-Processing Area (NPA) of SEZs, Government vide notification G.S.R. 5(E) dated 02.01.2015 has allowed dual use of facilities in NPA by both SEZ and non-SEZ entities.
- (c) Exports from the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) during the last three years are as under:

Years	Exports (Rs. in crore)	Growth/decline over previous year
2013-2014	4,94,077	4%
2014-2015	4,63,770	-6.13%
2015-2016 (April to December, 2015)	3,41,685	-1.89% (corresponding period of previous financial year 2014-15)

Export Promotion Council for EoUs and SEZs (EPCES) has been undertaking several activities for enhancing exports as well as resolving issues concerning EoUs and SEZs. During the year 2015-16, a number of meetings with Hon'ble Minister, Commerce and Industry and Senior Officers of Department of Commerce have been held to resolve the issues concerning to SEZs.

- (d)-(e) The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZ policy. The exports from Food and Agro, IT/ITeS, Automobiles and Auto ancillaries manufacturing, Leather, Footwear and Sports goods Sector, Electronic and Hardware and Software services and Textiles sector SEZs during the last five years is as under:

Sl. No.	Sector	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (as on 31.12.15)
1	Computer/Electronic software (IT/ITeS)	81017.11	140306.71	184093.93	212349.15	177756.81
2	Automobiles and Auto ancillaries manufacturing	761	849	1154	1253	1720
3	Electronics hardware	20454.40	20936.75	16460.71	7181.65	3444.82
4	Leather, footwear and sports goods	516.35	896.96	1654.34	1343.39	1708.02
5	Food and Agro Industry	729.71	805.95	880.71	1132.31	1581.94
6	Textiles and garments	2938.08	4342.87	4213.86	4294.66	3480.33

- (f) The State-wise exports from SEZs during the last three years is at **Annexure-I**.

Annexure-I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 162 for 25th April, 2016

State-wise breakup of Exports from SEZs during last three years				
(Rs. in crore)				
Sl. No.	State	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16 (Till December 2015)
1	Andhra Pradesh	33291	7887.61	7599.06
2	Chandigarh	1778.15	2084.24	1896.38
3	Chhattisgarh	1.84	3.19	0.00
4	Gujarat	225042	179791.75	106568.74
5	Haryana	8740.43	11139.50	10574.66
6	Karnataka	51372.88	55197.83	41088.64
7	Kerala	8003.64	6540.20	5213.88
8	Madhya Pradesh	2984.23	4009.46	3579.48
9	Maharashtra	56399.23	62535.90	51777.29
10	Odisha	386.09	596.66	752.03
11	Punjab	136.72	290.79	235.34
12	Rajasthan	2036.59	2091.33	1649.17
13	Tamil Nadu	71417	68103.63	55478.96
14	Telangana	0	37107.89	32966.19
15	Uttar Pradesh	16282.42	16516.77	13754.51
16	West Bengal	16204.27	9872.79	8550.41
	TOTAL	494077	463770	341684.75

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.163
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

TRADE WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES

163. SHRI BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to increase trade with United States of America, France, UK, Singapore and Gulf countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has entered into any agreements or engaged into any negotiations with these countries for this purpose and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the trade with these countries during the last two years, country-wise, year-wise and sector-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any action plan including liberalizing the import/export norms to promote trade with these countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) to (e): Yes, India has institutional mechanisms with United States of America, France, UK, Singapore and Gulf countries to promote bilateral trade and investment.

India-France Joint commission for Economic and Technical Cooperation deals with issues related to commerce and trade and the last meeting was held in Paris on 24-25 June 2010. India-UK economic relations gathered momentum after the establishment of India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) on 13 January 2005 and the last meeting of India-UK JETCO was held on 19-20 January 2015 at London. India and United States of America have two established institutional mechanisms to promote bilateral trade and investment i.e. annual Trade Policy Forum and Strategic Commercial Dialogue and the

meetings are taking place regularly. India and Singapore has signed a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement in 2005. As per Joint Declaration on Strategic Partnership between India and Singapore released during Hon'ble Prime Minister's visit to Singapore on 24 November 2015, both countries will aspire to double bilateral trade volume over the next two decades. Hon'ble Prime Minister during his visit to UAE in 2015 made a commitment to energise/increase India-UAE bilateral trade in the next five years. The India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) (Saudi Arabia, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and United Arab Emirates) have committed to deepen trade and economic relations through a Free Trade Agreement. Two rounds of negotiations have been held so far. The second round was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on 9-10 September 2008.

The detailed trade data with these countries during the last two years, country-wise, year-wise and sector-wise are annexed in the Annexure.

A) EXPORT TO USA,FRANCE,SINGAPORE,UK AND GULF COUNTRIES:

(VALUES IN MILLION USD)

COUNTRY	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(APR TO FEB)
FRANCE	5108.94	4957.25	4261.60
SINGAPORE	12511.19	9809.53	7106.34
U K	9822.05	9354.21	8067.81
U S A	39159.25	42464.22	36922.53
BAHARAIN IS	639.38	472.98	614.80
KUWAIT	1061.18	1198.89	1122.72
OMAN	2812.34	2379.44	1957.37
QATAR	969.08	1054.98	809.76
SAUDI ARAB	12219.35	11162.55	5923.36
U ARAB EMTS	30521.56	33028.08	27529.69

B) IMPORT FROM USA,FRANCE,SINGAPORE,UK AND GULF COUNTRIES:

(VALUES IN MILLION USD)

COUNTRY	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(APR TO FEB)
FRANCE	3692.00	4416.08	2595.25
SINGAPORE	6762.71	7124.47	6611.10
U ARAB EMTS	29020.59	26139.91	18188.13
U K	6045.22	5018.28	4865.05
U S A	22505.73	21814.60	19687.77
BAHARAIN IS	563.25	446.25	329.40
KUWAIT	17154.11	13381.97	4644.36
OMAN	2951.23	1752.24	1568.88
QATAR	15708.66	14604.71	8376.66
SAUDI ARAB	36404.61	28107.56	18929.31

NOTE: FIGURES FOR 2015-16(APR TO FEB) ARE PROVISIONAL

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

SECTOR-WISE
EXPORT:

(VALUES IN US
DOLLAR)

COUNTRY	SLNO	COMMODITY GROUP	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(APR TO FEB)
BAHARAIN IS	1	TEA	1444534	1427965	1691335
	2	COFFEE	100384	162472	221447
	3	RICE	36427816	38292793	29297098
	4	OTHER CEREALS	500845	388502	560394
	5	TOBACCO	3385120	3460691	2635439
	6	SPICES	4927475	5046238	5744277
	7	CASHEW	4222783	4209607	4578977
	8	OIL MEALS	2068589	2612877	1316164
	9	OIL SEEDS	484467	360169	202878
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	17483668	18032876	18374281
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	4341052	4270149	4742558
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	1459863	6859846	3431722
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	20522193	17639165	22849368
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	41065524	25374717	4523180
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	526671	567957	678877
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	4068547	9393707	9305221
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	28699092	68248946	107806887
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	3735858	3724578	3204653
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	11708229	15450145	14572838
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	131465411	126904710	250005923
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	14689006	7903435	8215071
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	13803944	13401691	11953281
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	4488812	10628130	7674444
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	16676718	21801396	16050953
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	172203	243004	192243
	27	CARPET	1738608	1116107	1031976
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	645494	823267	1065944
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	229328948	5320526	3927693
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	14493492	32932687	51846716
	31	OTHERS	24700390	26384748	27093680
BAHARAIN IS TOTAL			639375736	472983101	614795518
FRANCE	1	TEA	1934684	1807268	1663815
	2	COFFEE	13218935	9037417	10999177
	3	RICE	21597056	18561316	15181169
	4	OTHER CEREALS	333522	13862	18055
	5	TOBACCO	11993651	4396510	6338068
	6	SPICES	36264517	36733972	34027961
	7	CASHEW	21276815	21448364	22373105
	8	OIL MEALS	147522625	77504733	3881633
	9	OIL SEEDS	15346512	17127323	9266302
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	36517234	39211675	29374222
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	967716	868340	2246083
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	117124426	114222295	82858756
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	1395699	905299	433060
	14	IRON ORE	864		
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	34797498	35217239	30868091
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	339512583	358243382	274535422
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	18647763	24090171	21560008
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	74125546	97814372	86998818
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	206746365	209037765	209771412
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	218862523	225283383	206114550
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	1067087402	1190440354	1023275507

	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	197488743	198166784	184379050
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	122633986	130868974	108875919
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	44639595	46867801	37320550
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	768449791	892301530	753319312
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	3759226	3904112	2483180
	27	CARPET	19597582	16153798	20454105
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	43688888	45828157	43416245
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1178970276	777291079	691361782
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	52008540	50093372	65143005
	31	OTHERS	292426645	313809648	283058495
	FRANCE TOTAL		5108937208	4957250295	4261596857
KUWAIT	1	TEA	2621327	3251818	3365503
	2	COFFEE	13196583	16144559	15777424
	3	RICE	265679713	270827348	216904848
	4	OTHER CEREALS	1548304	1478030	922853
	5	TOBACCO	6798540	9138411	7503154
	6	SPICES	11015892	12493571	13579356
	7	CASHEW	12226478	10334618	11780432
	8	OIL MEALS	26469290	25325757	8792383
	9	OIL SEEDS	4718480	7359603	2043456
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	42015725	49361504	43470056
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	8326868	9575638	10214327
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	36353500	41503615	34463761
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	75082109	108608279	92667724
	14	IRON ORE			33661
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	30207428	29531331	25050647
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	4355597	6105499	4040123
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	9433211	17762909	29912480
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	9159913	46404253	48851991
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	8036686	5163139	4870210
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	26098392	51054697	50535661
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	235739561	241937319	279650748
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	43917236	28469883	25592047
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	12399680	13868715	12016656
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	20354580	25187648	21867386
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	74678230	85101956	73596508
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	904182	848627	864885
	27	CARPET	2136723	3025499	1930069
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	4823971	5228772	5219400
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	9889894	9082992	6155613
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	23568231	22973164	28042981
	31	OTHERS	39420777	41737759	43006209
	KUWAIT TOTAL		1061177101	1198886913	1122722552
OMAN	1	TEA	1846790	1698172	1548032
	2	COFFEE	1462518	2329388	2167786
	3	RICE	108411743	122485988	113325993
	4	OTHER CEREALS	13361765	19837100	6246994
	5	TOBACCO	1059520	1530060	2008677
	6	SPICES	10620085	10571345	10726451
	7	CASHEW	1654517	2102991	2152321
	8	OIL MEALS	30205907	21292777	14858348
	9	OIL SEEDS	306789	412365	669662
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	27283523	25041252	25432579
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	14698033	13351961	19342596
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	6944066	7951922	6019801
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	73227903	69449969	70916668
	14	IRON ORE	29309097	701029	28417
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	42782403	23647798	23440778
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	6892653	4488321	3860175

	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	20999045	22243228	37356358
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	10962925	4073111	2510052
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	15799783	16686763	18441437
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	55138555	42334862	47124406
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	666202106	807517354	431501761
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	44657901	51436320	53383544
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	6680978	5523288	5636635
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	17916914	17899660	16191194
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	140808423	38367146	28310808
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	1710233	1784541	1880474
	27	CARPET	1199804	824450	597269
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	4718044	2086966	2728041
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1247444880	935491456	918075735
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	28101322	26248346	27466772
	31	OTHERS	179927178	80033167	63418371
OMAN TOTAL			2812335403	2379443096	1957368135
QATAR	1	TEA	2492184	2406905	2139971
	2	COFFEE	420891	317345	608381
	3	RICE	66977508	224349927	57226564
	4	OTHER CEREALS	3929531	1360440	1056191
	5	TOBACCO	4526750	5653087	6675403
	6	SPICES	9293047	10373207	12477788
	7	CASHEW	5074850	5821793	5417374
	8	OIL MEALS	214893	272388	218924
	9	OIL SEEDS	383153	380395	312401
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	26512281	36327698	40529894
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	7122481	8990192	9530236
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	8686047	13242281	17034037
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	30353720	34208604	33904288
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	28091191	42570754	39508498
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	3350116	3841031	3774920
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	9174724	14188541	14165468
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	4036242	25185467	7844361
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	1305158	1372302	1882998
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	39052874	30334816	28092080
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	532372431	376978423	349508381
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	48704042	54140415	51609640
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	2586821	3170049	3341598
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	5517917	9146713	5391235
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	16171169	20495096	20559893
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	2093610	1800735	2167198
	27	CARPET	4708294	4168082	1068290
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	1191169	2377337	1656090
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	46338475	59686045	38832537
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	12596519	16955323	18156775
	31	OTHERS	45805801	44860629	35066585
QATAR TOTAL			969083889	1054976020	809757999
SAUDI ARAB	1	TEA	10236569	13239334	12255548
	2	COFFEE	12132164	12973800	11226801
	3	RICE	1195427970	1294185068	822248043
	4	OTHER CEREALS	4629093	5708271	6400893
	5	TOBACCO	45627589	58226382	57504467
	6	SPICES	78362053	85874572	89056263
	7	CASHEW	53593449	49966714	53974232
	8	OIL MEALS	24244564	801338	5942405
	9	OIL SEEDS	12476166	12469567	8397494
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	135439118	137905775	121360637
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	34088586	39084681	35722299
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	38173214	50190313	44229155

	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	330051813	324762803	247502116
	14	IRON ORE	4586901	111433	22651
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	102056835	91195688	111132460
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	21976981	29091253	24225819
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	85992971	181780390	210677396
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	11269002	7671907	5978631
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	34018595	47021104	37758326
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	436330380	430759709	514550934
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	1696783822	1838475138	1267938190
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	167338862	116901169	71963456
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	56134328	44282539	31584913
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	54811702	50130777	38417135
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	303332007	299679006	279602589
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	17179463	14761041	11770582
	27	CARPET	8910179	9842766	14382438
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	26370681	24803999	23807495
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	6809802777	5559181554	1450305348
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	113823530	126324686	139012571
	31	OTHERS	294144547	205147232	174408818
SAUDI ARAB TOTAL			12219345911	11162550009	5923360105
SINGAPORE	1	TEA	2524487	2531645	2163460
	2	COFFEE	7178961	6181949	3975253
	3	RICE	74909061	98272485	61994146
	4	OTHER CEREALS	10958222	10771111	3956873
	5	TOBACCO	20384012	29114721	25048685
	6	SPICES	70484581	46437506	46799801
	7	CASHEW	11612793	10787850	8233657
	8	OIL MEALS	4871345	4878558	1566627
	9	OIL SEEDS	10819395	11590152	12434316
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	22837028	21998343	20593327
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	15503726	18591720	40355121
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	45406315	43304002	36872320
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	16989381	12981484	8211771
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	13733820	11605476	8111157
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	19132047	21661125	20650382
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	4595710	4838268	7785692
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	530135289	492279481	342635233
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	134139226	136447201	115951326
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	374370180	311174375	280683328
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	2935971040	2478400791	1810136870
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	331728485	333602456	284426166
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	11624629	12488382	10064210
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	54851287	37008577	20206868
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	55644808	55929751	47383827
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	215384	203626	3292172
	27	CARPET	5800738	4175212	4170464
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	22465636	11453336	16098685
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	7337138271	5322211313	2673710612
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	45690836	37756992	34558326
	31	OTHERS	319470895	220849385	1154264369
SINGAPORE TOTAL			12511187588	9809527273	7106335044
U ARAB EMTS	1	TEA	79894163	44075769	47241512
	2	COFFEE	7228841	9692450	7071693
	3	RICE	313564502	439930700	542917804
	4	OTHER CEREALS	55488469	28700655	9877669
	5	TOBACCO	82848095	78928761	86453501
	6	SPICES	87764655	122326224	93221726
	7	CASHEW	128537116	179959556	132187713
	8	OIL MEALS	6516231	3613702	1729940

	9	OIL SEEDS	13674659	14550335	11906279
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	263542801	268596306	277115955
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	82319980	90198093	102247649
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	131064331	171962430	125340478
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	244089057	234429278	200991110
	14	IRON ORE	1060656	173001	1601701
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	324264283	313300420	200196779
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	129907683	182117785	162282274
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	75919287	95276417	99226823
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	12750829891	12260876577	11618145290
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	119644681	109291603	98398386
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	651573300	546403952	469562293
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	5189602702	5971006594	3895856208
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	956843386	456741228	523964181
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	228146699	258529712	226771225
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	500111840	539837293	476774864
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	1737635130	2649616848	3211893735
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	8162425	8367187	64404575
	27	CARPET	107713896	215200866	112744346
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	84640379	82804437	138308392
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	4179635595	6215192075	3596787957
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	323184501	315216293	301706887
	31	OTHERS	1656153698	1121166566	692760762
UAE TOTAL			30521562932	33028083113	27529689707
UK	1	TEA	58319639	57147176	61174057
	2	COFFEE	7257265	9952524	6840765
	3	RICE	144888917	157881840	143445958
	4	OTHER CEREALS	1770413	1155599	1079003
	5	TOBACCO	14960329	11688203	5126872
	6	SPICES	104112519	101175519	105951474
	7	CASHEW	19747045	20368594	13040300
	8	OIL MEALS	3449000	2769963	2174588
	9	OIL SEEDS	16097142	15731118	9171539
	10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	147284410	136714158	117469808
	11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	47949037	51521913	46917660
	12	MARINE PRODUCTS	143609208	162287906	122570673
	13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	251841	26442	38896
	15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	171806966	184597587	167926630
	16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	641099429	726453183	638443986
	17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	48858444	56474703	45876865
	18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	404700364	478415766	475360448
	19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	527955453	543068965	512343133
	20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	342324581	347109914	260357819
	21	ENGINEERING GOODS	2557696388	2718904817	2093586670
	22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	251946681	245779572	252256256
	23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	291479916	304314380	252385308
	24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	149374812	166975387	144317105
	25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	1658960079	1858920977	1621682015
	26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	28918704	28943880	29842144
	27	CARPET	78481855	70280992	77447535
	28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	182973628	109495960	116531118
	29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1097341267	64701679	12550838
	30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	183821811	184663403	178853885
	31	OTHERS	494610349	536686189	553042436
UK TOTAL			9822047492	9354208309	8067805784
USA	1	TEA	71257511	67807800	59094488
	2	COFFEE	29176285	25035494	24730931
	3	RICE	166332569	155641313	149740963
	4	OTHER CEREALS	2487786	3642589	2380227

5	TOBACCO	30642247	25224559	26250412
6	SPICES	391531887	409797428	395376686
7	CASHEW	250067531	230389831	164985912
8	OIL MEALS	1995448	3338416	10458781
9	OIL SEEDS	114675451	160901572	118163471
10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	105383634	127080551	126156288
11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	154616331	194093869	195424756
12	MARINE PRODUCTS	1267877434	1457498651	1232541439
13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	123742507	110359224	103545279
14	IRON ORE		766	
15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	377144093	373472555	330451384
16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	647969856	732990977	742734265
17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	166776600	196993686	187689520
18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	7796391121	8370914791	7827188685
19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	3958334026	4311682989	5052772905
20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	1796253520	1910144205	1561283733
21	ENGINEERING GOODS	6450089488	8123163844	6583947364
22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	1052861874	1022906734	840153825
23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	2125913683	2284752564	2094661198
24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	331716793	394666042	344254263
25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	3423831938	3614549319	3489791908
26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	73552371	92205980	73850129
27	CARPET	516089743	589826195	635121091
28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	365988959	408860450	420447232
29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	3917349858	3861588325	1880286599
30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	589544131	614684905	584259807
31	OTHERS	2859658861	2590005700	1664785474
USA TOTAL		39159253536	42464221324	36922529015

NOTE: FIGURES FOR 2015-16(APR TO FEB) ARE PROVISIONAL

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

SECTOR-WISE IMPORT:

(Values In US \$)					
COUNTRY	SLNO	COMMODITY_GRP	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(APR TO FEB)
BAHARAIN IS	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	204		2090
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	295031	1687	239659
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	7423435	17314539	13728725
	9	METALIFEROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	11191247	186283	12166861
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.			1081671
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	358645975	215759196	86066526
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	11666181	13090161	11003802
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	702	393	3955
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	7872036	172733	8951610
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	327	17593	11087
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	1005152	3149541	7194306
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	5468	7106	105973
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	350		42996
	20	IRON AND STEEL	35223007	48502222	89117922
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	105530387	140068426	90026331
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	2697	899	7186
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	956377	1328652	1051956
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	216450	12604	1978288
	25	PROJECT GOODS	340254	1334567	
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	24001	45386	79739
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	306738	105212	168314
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS		5379	11738
	31	OTHERS	22544481	5144075	6355319
BAHARIN IS TOTAL			563250500	446246654	329396054
FRANCE	1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE		45106	2240
	2	VEGETABLE OIL	131447	324592	29179647
	3	PULSES	9003268		37695740
	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	5652118	5999164	3656752
	5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	1154966		76723
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	11804312	13093365	10147369
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	18377	34189	105962
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	262		288
	9	METALIFEROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	8017674	8638606	10081803
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	20079853	28490306	16530818
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	64226528	77923663	62571534
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	17859208	18338658	13454374
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	216689102	243883139	203566587
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	20629451	19580064	14357773
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	144743232	130047603	114121616
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	137607527	120359641	120864913
	18	NEWSPRINT	20565235	21583820	9177159
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	1049469	1747813	2815003
	20	IRON AND STEEL	232149415	329591800	182286454
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	86022261	91361910	73286017
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	41212568	39210096	24603672
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	624988564	625941292	506357256
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1132523159	1739883093	394508975
	25	PROJECT GOODS	108296099	74651280	45802961
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	101931498	106244333	92431038
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	318518395	323472942	263726183
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	157694557	191391373	178979825
	29	GOLD	35279		27463
	30	SILVER	50535	1078699	40406
	31	OTHERS	209349086	203160536	184794428
FRANCE TOTAL			3692003445	4416077083	2595250979

KUWAIT	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES			293
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	216	798	806
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED			11293745
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	23034277	33821349	13855534
	9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	408122	318177	96383
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	16116131202	12226340162	3771381361
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	19274949	21896923	16184771
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	1323109	1336291	1088184
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	729255641	833361339	655345415
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	49		
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	105359705	123659927	75103540
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	10111708	7713174	3792843
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	4070		
	20	IRON AND STEEL	54010808	57351564	12858117
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	83746425	67432365	53353391
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	5109	6011	147
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	66717	373820	87245
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	90417	401384	227458
	25	PROJECT GOODS	102207		
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	12934	761	2574
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	57510	47610	34066
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	97		
	31	OTHERS	11113918	7903935	29652020
KUWAIT TOTAL			17154109190	13381965590	4644357893
OMAN	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	4360344	5455012	5817119
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	226238	452	103098
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	451362365	267096940	341130217
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	517473	1238037	1584014
	9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	166553005	228696528	279254947
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.			18850286
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	1512026089	732506776	535358202
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	4548195	1050651	1618036
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	448291	511397	467409
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	378562791	205660755	30993416
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	20826099	31974981	40655
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	28026877	32474816	20977819
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	172078	54838	23903
	20	IRON AND STEEL	202359715	57583173	100003934
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	156969493	134181884	74960358
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	28824	51190	39140
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	11632971	36888897	135909956
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3855671	680400	585440
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	29173	67522	14991
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	78235	134600	296854
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	199690	58425	12098
	30	SILVER		3578	
	31	OTHERS	8443057	15873577	20837389
OMAN TOTAL			2951226674	1752244429	1568879281
QATAR	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	43	8341	32
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	40401124		18145045
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	40575615	81769353	68423145
	9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	200	7698198	568453
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	14591448902	13415309317	7388304598
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	2589439	4187779	2206952
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	42188	1402	163239
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	477605685	512604601	393016629
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	61	2830430	873832
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	358858472	361678509	308933148
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	103951124	108396855	75287072

	20	IRON AND STEEL	13482746	14868631	5245755
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	76762760	90473809	90738557
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	27762	9343	473
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	481017	1456494	340942
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	694034	1645138	20128520
	25	PROJECT GOODS			34121
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	535871	63946	31021
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	143413	65024	8734
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS		527	
	31	OTHERS	1057426	1645431	4207705
QATAR TOTAL			15708657882	14604713128	8376657973
SAUDI ARAB	2	VEGETABLE OIL	3079261	4442420	
	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	1784915	2751311	3362815
	5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	54935	69619	40750
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	415908	458868	1825594
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	309179054	612679880	661717131
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	58756527	87459879	58176654
	9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	7976449	15465446	15213824
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.			170568
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	32782225463	23212877285	14199608372
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	27713270	33242109	31806496
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	42366456	43538118	29244389
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	1294888013	1431356617	1214161938
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLs.	185634299	119226415	119294220
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	832418142	1135521484	796940255
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	140115593	131994238	122149709
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	153604220	606120707	508556740
	20	IRON AND STEEL	84025563	46274013	28039862
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	350645564	398159504	308949936
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	261282	27332	16073
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	9531993	5597704	7574572
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	1568127	12446690	719884618
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	82958	70202	33660
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	583467	1500545	323275
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	208069	133822	500
	29	GOLD	32662677	152499726	61504544
	31	OTHERS	84831071	53641435	40708654
SAUDI ARAB TOTAL			36404613276	28107555369	18929305149
SINGAPORE	1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE		405206	82206
	2	VEGETABLE OIL	1722599	1755683	477868
	3	PULSES	138515	76483	
	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	250759	215602	665855
	5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	720642	736928	2648416
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	1927685	2332611	1030850
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	171781	32917	3833300
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	1333		960164
	9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	6576655	6233858	4975611
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.			747761
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	518943868	626235244	724497296
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	29412054	20066177	17910016
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	1512289	2221887	4482950
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	1622588077	1464440157	1057085474
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLs.	33008307	38808213	39664366
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	618627505	837660346	697484605
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	181141713	156709224	148013595
	18	NEWSPRINT	599003	90775	178034
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	121171001	223037458	89688138
	20	IRON AND STEEL	168787857	281653512	251102178
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	89355262	430746209	282244851

	22	MACHINE TOOLS	39514442	33844251	38068437
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	412087727	392680372	307156506
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	787072734	347494081	505461428
	25	PROJECT GOODS	33785464	10223631	15950019
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	128033994	142250841	114146536
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	1603720149	1703387485	1914791763
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	55304550	65340580	104225256
	29	GOLD	33719400	69983200	67494427
	30	SILVER	9087150	4614495	5964475
	31	OTHERS	263729117	261193196	210062660
SINGAPORE TOTAL			6762711632	7124470622	6611095041
U ARAB EMTS	1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE			2071
	2	VEGETABLE OIL	65394779	216889943	186455505
	3	PULSES	241644	122671	26353
	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	16312554	16996487	17938500
	5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	34848	234898	
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	3912957	6580709	7095591
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	48113392	23155317	35527981
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	44998516	54317169	26939353
	9	METALIFEROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	279827827	285171124	238784302
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.		2799780	1490160
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	13254137568	13482981493	7424718671
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	73230642	84559894	77810132
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	4468494	9816941	8067343
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	53930261	59861405	89501279
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	19152794	12477768	11093164
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	346917053	481228822	607176912
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	16077136	14716187	12043362
	18	NEWSPRINT	543452	68287	12836
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	5989224996	4449865862	4183115763
	20	IRON AND STEEL	518633532	610798673	440200946
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	1231544762	1312558935	961339218
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	8336693	4780256	3673133
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	121760014	124324966	92044969
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	586468137	261455733	136268153
	25	PROJECT GOODS	10154030	8391902	9003943
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	7862793	16773819	14583747
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	54708133	71803703	122618288
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	945698	656404	1677442
	29	GOLD	5291337218	4165637379	3161418987
	30	SILVER	56746039	35001931	18367323
	31	OTHERS	915569694	325881233	299136929
UAE TOTAL			29020585656	26139909691	18188132356
U K	1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE	391851		
	2	VEGETABLE OIL	55480	6440	4514
	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	880569	824954	783865
	5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	101085	115648	36843
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	11716291	11542794	10180946
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	1097994	1305409	1380074
	9	METALIFEROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	9256424	10087336	7985971
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.	1029913	1452962	1397694
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	49176167	53677201	25511669
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	90151444	114221651	89520441
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	16453713	15371515	12307954
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	112144491	121178132	90156751
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	42176303	41399002	26495604
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	99745960	114728968	121206480
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	143330987	131558243	79775153
	18	NEWSPRINT	15594457	7796778	3547782

	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	662787456	18029555	10979801
	20	IRON AND STEEL	523036486	579432994	436192091
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	354440956	426701502	374052419
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	45427151	40520510	36755599
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	654138301	755360137	734668387
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	307315041	341659288	387775906
	25	PROJECT GOODS	53290510	22231195	32119945
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	134219617	153245612	117755825
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	328372469	332154136	349137730
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	84331757	77267181	89255394
	29	GOLD	211146915	238786330	278914791
	30	SILVER	1590478910	817228632	1095225369
	31	OTHERS	502933020	590391071	451925672
UK TOTAL			6045221718	5018275176	4865050670
U S A	1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE	108632926	93880108	101303396
	2	VEGETABLE OIL	30653303	2395389	2172246
	3	PULSES	112442916	168376471	146330944
	4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	491062844	562635572	691701739
	5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	116878556	250358140	167204957
	6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	119420339	118300479	102384151
	7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	342779895	303985413	309600531
	8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	109172	60249	86713
	9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	73684908	68606554	54166705
	10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.	531616650	492426349	474648204
	11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	996764326	962877015	752783531
	12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	531334668	586150041	490170141
	13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	16521941	19344341	17381919
	14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	1275716743	1112242575	1006735542
	15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	168851196	140780481	137654183
	16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	827181701	801861830	737820508
	17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	785401252	797763140	850082370
	18	NEWSPRINT	140692036	58204096	47623871
	19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	656236712	626985329	485137637
	20	IRON AND STEEL	607857752	587482351	684643399
	21	NON-FERROUS METALS	285261470	387201423	347671095
	22	MACHINE TOOLS	196130337	187294736	133854820
	23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	2615386416	2886625169	3521036549
	24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3028509881	2957047483	1680421232
	25	PROJECT GOODS	332851413	193951764	242721857
	26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	786689898	752934950	674026610
	27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	1776907564	2099893471	1758173122
	28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	568657542	599794206	555180202
	29	GOLD	1187200585	2698104794	2217437929
	30	SILVER	147714368	33464727	163514923
	31	OTHERS	3646583598	1263576111	1134095071
USA TOTAL			22505732908	21814604757	19687766097

NOTE: FIGURES FOR 2015-16(APR TO FEB) ARE PROVISIONAL

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD CLASS CONVENTION CENTRE

171. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is supporting the development of an Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre (ECC) in Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the list of facilities that are likely to be provided in the ECC and its location;
- (c) the details of the mode of development of this project and the expected time for its completion;
- (d) whether the proposed exhibition centre, convention centre and multiperformance arena developments are likely to generate a substantial amount of direct and indirect employment opportunities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

(a) : Yes, Madam.

(b) : (i) A project has been conceived on re-development of PragatiMaidan Complex, New Delhi. The proposal tentatively envisages development of 3,26,065 sq. mtrs of built-up area including 1,19,445 sq. mtrs of exhibition space, a Convention Centre with seating capacity of 7000 pax with number of different sized meeting rooms, space for public circulation, support facilities and parking space for about 4800 passenger cars in Phase-I of development plan. In Phase-II, further development of 86,255 sq. mtrs. of exhibition area is envisaged.

(ii) Under another proposal of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion creation of a World Class State-of-the-Art Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre is planned in Dwarka, New Delhi. The proposed Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre will comprise a host of independent and mutually beneficial facilities like exhibition halls, convention centres,

banquet halls, auditoria, arena, financial centre, hotels, Food & Beverage (F&B) outlets & retail services.

- (c) : (i) The project at Pragati Maidan is proposed to be implemented on EPC (Turnkey or Design Build) mode.

The period for completion of the project in Phase-I is envisaged as 36 months from the date of award of the project to the executing agency, subject to the statutory clearances.

(ii) The project at Dwarka is being developed in Public-Private Partnership, utilizing, if necessary, viability gap funding of Government of India. Completion of the project is dependent upon confirmation and approval of various activities needed to be undertaken with regard to implementation of the Project by respective authorities/agencies.

- (d) : Yes, Madam.

- (e) : The proposed projects can become a key facilitator in making the NCR a globally competitive Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) destination.

Exhibitions and conventions provide a strong stimulus to the domestic industries, including transportation, travel and tourism, catering and hospitality. The Convention and Exhibition industry has a multiplier effect of up to 2 to 6 times, depending upon the type of industry.

Exhibitions result in generation of employment, not only directly, but also through the growth in allied industries as a result of the economic stimulus propagated through exhibitions and conventions.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

TEA EXPORTS

173. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether tea exports have registered a 7.25 per cent increase by volume and 4.2 per cent increase by value between April to October, 2015 and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the increase has come at a time when tea production had suffered a marginal decline standing at 946.97 million kg and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the share of the small tea growers has increased just as the production from large estates have declined; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): As per provisional estimates, the exports of tea from India have increased both by quantity and value during the financial year 2015-16 (April-October). Details in this regard are given in the following table:

Period	Quantity (Million Kgs)	Value (Rs. Cr.)
2015-16 (Apr-Oct)*	123.48	2409.32
2014-15 (Apr-Oct)	111.20	2224.55
Increase/decrease(%)	11.04	8.31

*Provisional, subject to revision.

(b): As per provisional estimates, the tea production declined by 0.69% during the financial year 2015-16 (April-October). Details in this regard are given in the following table:

Period	Quantity (Million Kgs)
2015-16 (Apr-Oct)*	946.97
2014-15 (Apr-Oct)	953.59
Change (%)	-0.69

*Provisional, subject to revision.

(c) & (d): The share of small tea growers' in total tea production is estimated on the basis of turnover of bought leaf factories, as these tea factories procure green leaves mainly from small growers.

As per initial estimates, the share of small growers in tea production increased by 1.52% during 2015-16 (April-October) while the overall production marginally declined as per details given below:

Period	Estate Factory Production (Million Kgs)	Bought Leaf Factory Production (Million Kgs)	Total Production (Million Kgs)
2015-16 (Apr-Oct)*	636.39	310.58	946.97
2014-15 (Apr-Oct)	647.67	305.92	953.59
Increase/decrease (%)	-1.74	1.52	-0.69

*Provisional, subject to revision.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.180 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

Trade with Developing Nations

180 (H). SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) the total quantity and value of products imported into and exported from the country during the last three years, item-wise and country-wise;
- (b) the total decline in trade with the developing nations during the said period and the names of the countries with which India is likely to achieve its trade targets;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to explore the possibilities to increase export to these countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) The commodity-wise and country-wise data on quantum and value of exports and imports of the country for the last three years is available in the CDs of DGCI&S publication 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Vol. 1 (Exports) and Vol.II (Imports) for March 2014, March 2015 and January 2016 (latest available CD). These CDs are also regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata for reference. The data in this regard for certain key commodities are as under:

(A)Exports

(VALUE in US \$ Million)

Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(Apr-Feb) (Provisional)	
		QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
TEA	KGS	249907559	798.79	215407703	681.79	227271538	668.44
COFFEE	KGS	253902132	798.83	221396663	814.02	219164997	685.97
RICE -BASMOTI	TON	3754102	4864.89	3698927	4516.28	3718893	3221.54
RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	TON	7148472	2925.16	8278233	3336.84	5715937	2081.72
WHEAT	TON	5572025	1569.08	2924053	828.75	575947	140.54
OTHER CEREALS	TON	4637536	1204.16	3514351	869.11	871197	231.18

PULSES	TON	345553	290.28	222139	199.86	217838	213.60
TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	KGS	237106036	789.07	219572233	680.01	190424631	587.59
SPICES	KGS	896565395	2497.30	926020950	2430.35	731327027	2249.06
CASHEW	TON	120737	842.32	134571	909.26	95012	706.58
CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID	KGS	9480277	6.35	10937593	9.10	10166047	7.96
SESAME SEEDS	KGS	257441092	592.17	375656064	772.27	294952800	421.21
NIGER SEEDS	KGS	20841060	18.69	18155893	17.71	12809560	17.33
GROUNDNUT	TON	509751	525.68	708392	760.37	482239	551.73
OTHER OIL SEEDS	TON	194460	155.18	247540	185.03	191410	138.52
OIL MEALS	TON	6576509	2796.44	3904589	1324.17	1885478	505.50
GUERGAM MEAL	TON	601971	1979.70	665109	1551.87	329068	513.32
CASTOR OIL	KGS	544795658	725.70	546525596	770.49	526215435	645.95
SHELLAC	KGS	7747859	84.95	5242539	43.80	5421235	25.45
SUGAR	TON	2477640	1177.11	1955191	871.41	3392922	1303.53
MOLLASES	TON	211653	24.53	247608	31.61	597315	77.61
FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	KGS	19338582	68.80	12499306	69.96	5752331	60.76
FRESH FRUITS	TON	525224	608.99	486939	516.26	467400	471.24
FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	2291751	886.14	2061000	763.24	1637543	661.88
CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	319554	471.32	305431	496.41	284094	461.18
COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	16229240	93.97	20877703	138.87	28589208	171.07
MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	419263762	166.15	419855413	168.76	385201507	182.38
ANIMAL CASINGS	KGS	352200	4.73	260147	3.18	203161	2.57
BUFFALO MEAT	TON	1365643	4350.38	1475540	4781.18	1202326	3747.04
SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	22608	115.37	23614	135.71	20237	118.13
OTHER MEAT	TON	268	0.55	262	0.44	2	0.00
PROCESSED MEAT	TON	508	1.29	405	2.29	284	0.96
NATURAL RUBBER	TON	10032	27.49	3059	7.06	5621	49.46
MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	1000818636	5016.63	1073965690	5510.49	908135276	4408.14
IRON ORE	TON	16301238	1557.63	7490012	526.50	4253793	145.81
MICA	KGS	127232858	50.73	140447782	56.02	122033063	47.94
COAL,COKE AND BRIQUETTES ETC	TON	2343865	208.14	1343283	136.51	1118974	113.11
SULPHUR, UNROASTED IRON PYRITE	TON	577782	66.26	397768	60.57	570596	74.20
FINISHED LEATHER	KGS	67163410	1285.15	64503936	1331.24	46710624	957.68
LEATHER FOOTWEAR COMPONENT	KGS	12073115	320.02	13513575	361.94	8780752	263.16
GOLD	KGS	70720	3031.98	70819	2845.15	135648	4965.06
SILVER	KGS	34247	18.52	7572	5.68	30253	7.07
FERTILEZERS CRUDE	TON	10650	6.42	10952	7.75	22376	10.91
FERTILEZERS MANUFACTURED	TON	137374	75.40	164707	82.54	220155	83.75
AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	KGS	76720120	366.99	92059222	354.68	87011469	325.47
BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	KGS	305675879	3610.81	328391895	3561.39	322720535	3263.84
DYE INTERMEDIATES	KGS	137915055	248.15	103619918	239.85	89267016	166.14
DYES	KGS	336104540	1904.74	344420382	2129.98	320710675	1686.61

DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	KGS	349629343	10669.39	414637056	11215.86	344654635	11510.57
AGRO CHEMICALS	KGS	253548348	1923.70	285825811	1951.77	276193111	1766.56
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	951839911	721.27	935203532	683.59	961035598	564.53
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	2965406530	5641.33	3020618142	5394.36	3160555466	4421.27
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICALS	KGS	255511525	655.13	260437561	742.21	210094727	615.44
ESSENTIAL OILS	KGS	4196116	71.01	4572360	90.17	4837783	96.79
PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC	KGS	364685815	645.93	343346998	669.06	452967228	538.21
CMNT, CLINKR AND ASBSTOS CMNT	TON	5277231	312.27	6495546	378.31	4580333	286.87
NEWSPRINT	TON	3788	2.49	9642	8.05	4305	2.29
PACKAGING MATERIALS	TON	175755	453.34	191774	509.93	219326	517.25
PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	TON	1907206	3045.72	1565607	2508.66	1918549	2309.64
IRON AND STEEL	TON	11487870	9223.70	10577421	8684.40	7000363	5154.20
ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM	TON	714409	1943.26	1038923	2859.37	1033248	2374.02
COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR	TON	341065	2855.11	466823	3420.30	384852	2313.64
LEAD AND PRODUCTS MADE OF LED	TON	80867	194.71	76296	173.20	81843	166.33
NICKEL, PRODUCT MADE OF NICKEL	TON	26448	437.27	47002	897.58	37190	487.71
TIN AND PRODUCTS MADE OF TIN	TON	3345	80.39	1660	37.73	3429	54.11
ZINC AND PRODUCTS MADE OF ZINC	TON	194978	435.39	246388	608.06	246396	504.79
PRIME MICA AND MICA PRODUCTS	KGS	1175902	19.10	894268	19.51	948145	15.69
COTTON YARN	TON	1310879	4550.41	1253342	3937.41	1193463	3307.50
SILK,RAW	KGS	2551	0.04	5989	0.11	8747	0.22
WOOL, RAW	KGS	54990	0.20	19022	0.04	91450	0.45
SILK WASTE	KGS	1620001	16.25	1629356	17.86	1428432	12.61
JUTE, RAW	TON	44016	18.81	37390	19.41	19865	13.21
JUTE YARN	TON	24963	23.46	23567	22.64	16124	17.32
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	TON	68736009	63179.37	73107098	56794.15	97402450	28140.91

(B) Imports

(VALUE in US \$ Million)

Commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16(Apr-Feb)	
		QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
TEA	KGS	22739911	48.54	28390469	63.57	22244304	53.30
COFFEE	KGS	59940860	120.19	74884576	152.20	60066183	112.36
RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	TON	1439	1.37	1958	1.77	880	0.77
WHEAT	TON	11272	4.42	29494	9.95	513417	134.36

OTHER CEREALS	TON	22321	16.08	23398	10.04	47205	20.22
PULSES	TON	3177892	1828.21	4584852	2786.11	5507732	3690.27
TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	KGS	1549350	13.09	1930424	15.90	2883247	20.54
SPICES	KGS	155577426	571.39	163088816	717.77	168913790	749.04
CASHEW	TON	776334	773.81	933190	1087.16	936206	1298.89
CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID	KGS	379070	0.34	1720396	1.63	1858346	0.87
SESAME SEEDS	KGS	72928096	134.48	34767785	62.67	21487351	25.54
GROUNDNUT	TON	114	0.06	127	0.08	80	0.04
OTHER OIL SEEDS	TON	54703	27.50	51561	26.59	56764	30.06
OIL MEALS	TON	126936	33.33	165103	44.71	196802	50.69
GUERGAM MEAL	TON	375	3.66	168	0.97	296	1.99
CASTOR OIL	KGS	68946	0.34	52363	0.30	31372	0.16
SHELLAC	KGS	680722	8.01	1770836	9.75	624133	2.75
SUGAR	TON	880956	392.19	1538635	601.17	1736715	542.40
MOLLASES	TON	15065	1.47	60254	4.92	14455	0.96
FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	KGS	8294147	74.36	14011252	100.48	13172916	99.24
FRESH FRUITS	TON	769144	1273.48	866149	1565.20	756759	1575.87
FRESH VEGETABLES	TON	25981	6.66	8244	1.82	95870	32.15
CEREAL PREPARATIONS	TON	53472	69.15	63238	92.95	56183	80.71
COCOA PRODUCTS	KGS	51627345	176.90	65311332	253.49	51901884	196.15
MILLED PRODUCTS	KGS	3977441	3.64	3465371	2.90	4148002	3.06
SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	TON	60	0.86	87	1.43	44	0.67
OTHER MEAT	TON	361	2.61	469	3.19	475	2.52
PROCESSED MEAT	TON	388	1.27	165	0.85	71	0.42
NATURAL RUBBER	TON	360266	906.43	442129	818.29	430359	673.06
MARINE PRODUCTS	KGS	31219157	67.65	27611124	73.67	44033240	86.13
IRON ORE	TON	367355	57.40	12090060	1067.86	6690146	471.40
MICA	KGS	882964	0.60	967119	0.63	886092	0.69
COAL,COKE AND BRIQUETTES ETC	TON	171028822	16403.46	215397990	17802.56	190604070	12710.81
SULPHUR, UNROASTED IRON PYRITE	TON	1292862	183.11	1630430	286.42	1292035	200.31
FINISHED LEATHER	KGS	48917390	501.85	66008187	646.24	66797163	539.89
LEATHER FOOTWEAR COMPONENT	KGS	2811422	22.03	2135508	26.32	2370137	26.12
GOLD	KGS	661713	28704.67	916147	34407.19	929835	30709.40
SILVER	KGS	6512006	4540.01	7707855	4523.51	6980524	3549.03
FERTILEZERS CRUDE	TON	7170688	926.10	8280265	1026.79	7346981	932.66
FERTILEZERS MANUFACTURED	TON	14890860	5337.83	18368748	6371.93	20051505	6926.12
AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	KGS	10855329	52.46	9321248	57.58	10809420	50.31
BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	KGS	246466558	3146.76	249944590	3245.25	247069476	3021.53
DYE INTERMEDIATES	KGS	1383079467	833.00	1709328890	775.55	1629544098	562.34
DYES	KGS	44873189	320.26	42488393	328.41	43487385	293.10
DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	KGS	2226930	1491.73	2769728	1562.52	2967165	1430.27

AGRO CHEMICALS	KGS	77380187	852.22	95361095	980.69	65565417	789.81
INORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	7178333236	4040.41	7881434181	4493.23	8194258804	4119.04
ORGANIC CHEMICALS	KGS	7641359493	11067.46	8242620431	11341.90	8385442491	8883.65
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICALS	KGS	119093465	552.18	121888403	670.45	106187091	556.41
ESSENTIAL OILS	KGS	3446502	100.14	4114261	116.24	3761633	114.27
PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC	KGS	353475900	1265.83	374355557	1344.56	374647604	1209.95
CMNT, CLINKR AND ASBSTOS CMNT	TON	797544	68.34	1110074	90.73	1150836	87.40
NEWSPRINT	TON	1379421	887.89	1335826	839.25	1350847	727.11
PACKAGING MATERIALS	TON	38386	237.75	40010	249.43	42423	234.70
PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	TON	4699878	7839.58	5533055	9223.19	5659139	8109.06
IRON AND STEEL	TON	11581109	9109.85	16651277	12342.03	19015271	10394.24
ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM	TON	1361797	3149.47	1611455	3813.40	1556598	3257.72
COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR	TON	423323	3003.93	500128	3297.06	562906	3079.62
LEAD AND PRODUCTS MADE OF LED	TON	238449	523.08	295477	630.78	241451	443.81
NICKEL, PRODUCT MADE OF NICKEL	TON	57083	909.96	76467	1388.66	67525	861.23
TIN AND PRODUCTS MADE OF TIN	TON	10762	244.29	9198	202.91	11307	179.69
ZINC AND PRODUCTS MADE OF ZINC	TON	148906	289.67	250170	560.47	186344	382.59
PRIME MICA AND MICA PRODUCTS	KGS	9369765	185.62	8351167	182.20	8443085	186.95
COTTON YARN	TON	7928	54.28	6176	41.33	5254	39.83
SILK,RAW	KGS	3259608	148.52	3489075	158.93	3183373	139.27
WOOL, RAW	KGS	89597863	325.23	96531323	348.65	89074709	278.91
SILK WASTE	KGS	153661	4.77	112788	4.24	144555	5.10
JUTE, RAW	TON	52650	25.71	43997	23.18	80301	49.68
JUTE YARN	TON	66249	47.24	68862	49.94	75995	65.69
COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	TON	180974	394.48	258665	508.61	214005	361.27
PETROLEUM: CRUDE	TON	189178265	143643.36	187911595	116442.11	184880165	62159.98
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	TON	29667279	21126.97	34080024	21882.62	39366236	15910.86

Source:DGCI&S

(b) The trend in merchandise trade with developing nations, as indicated in IMFs World Economic Outlook, April 2015, during the above period is as follows:

(VALUE in US \$ Billion)

TRADE	2013-14	2014-15	2014-15 (Apr-Feb)	2015-16 (Apr-Feb)	Growth 2015-16 (Apr-Feb) wrt 2014-15 (Apr-feb)
EXPORT	162.81	167.96	155.16	121.63	-21.60%
IMPORT	280.77	275.69	256.25	210.63	-17.80%
TOTAL TRADE	443.58	443.66	411.41	332.26	-19.20%

Source:DGCI&S

The direction of trade flows and the underlying trade potential across countries and commodities is a dynamic phenomenon. The Government facilitates exporters and the Export Promotion Councils to deepen exports in traditional markets, and identify new markets and products with potential through schemes like Marketing Development Assistance (MDA) and Market Access Initiative (MAI).

- (c) and (d) Need based studies are conducted from time to time in consultation with various stakeholders.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.181
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

BOOSTING EXPORTS

181. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:

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

- (a) the total number of meetings conducted by the council for Trade Development and Promotion formed last year with the aim to involve States in boosting country's exports;
- (b) whether the said council has taken corrective steps to improve the exports which shows negative zone for the last 12 months and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has deliberated on the relevant infrastructure to promote trade and identify impediments that are affecting exports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps the Government is planning to improve the exports?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) The first meeting of the "Council for Trade Development and Promotion" after its constitution was convened on 08.01.2016.
- (b) The fall in exports has been due to various external factors including (i) global slowdown, which has impacted both the Global trade and India's trade adversely (ii) a significant slowdown in the Chinese Economy, (iii) a moderate but uncertain recovery in the US Economy, which is one of our large export markets and (iv) the sharp fall in Crude and Petroleum product prices.

The Council is a platform for interaction with the State Governments primarily with the objective of seeking their views on the trade policy, to apprise them about international developments affecting India's trade potential and to exhort them to promote an export enabling environment.
- (c& d) Yes, the State Governments have been requested to utilize the funds made available to them as a result of the increased devolution under the 14th Finance Commission award, to address the infrastructural gaps and also to avail the various schemes of Government of India to promote export infrastructure development.

The Government has also taken the following measures in the recent past to promote exports:

- (i) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015. At the time of introduction of MEIS on April 1, 2015, the scheme covered 4914 tariff lines at 8 digit level. Countries of the globe were grouped into 3 market categories (Country Group A, Country Group B & Country Group C) for grant of incentives under MEIS. Thereafter, 110 new Tariff Lines at 8 digit level were added under the scheme. The rates/country coverage for 2228 lines at 8 digit level were enhanced. As on date, 5012 Tariff Lines at 8 digit level are eligible for rewards under MEIS.
- (ii) The Government has introduced the Interest Equalization Scheme on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit with effect from 1.4.2015. The scheme is available to all exports under 416 tariff lines [at ITC (HS) code of 4 digit] and exports made by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across all ITC (HS) codes.
- (iii) In addition the Government continues to provide the facility of access to duty free raw materials and capital goods for exports through schemes like Advance Authorization, Duty Free Import Authorization (DFIA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) and drawback/refund of duties.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.190
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

TRADE WITH EU COUNTRIES

190. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) whether India has entered into free trade agreements with European Union (EU) countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the status of bilateral trade with EU countries and the current investment of these countries; and
- (d) the action plan of the Government to attract investment from EU countries?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) No
- (b) Does not arise
- (c) The bilateral trade with EU countries for the period April-February, 2016 is US\$ 79.84 billion (detailed tabular statement attached). Total Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows from European Union are US\$72.77 billion during the period from April, 2000 to February 2016 (detailed tabular statement attached).
- (d) The Government is taking various measures for bringing investments from all over the world, including European Union, to India like opening up Foreign Direct Investment in many sectors, carrying out FDI related reforms and liberalisation and improving ease of doing business in the country.

BILATERAL TRADE WITH EU COUNTRIES

S.No.	Country	2015-2016(April-Feb)		
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade
	EU Countries			
1	AUSTRIA	306.09	747.87	1,053.96
2	BELGIUM	4,579.86	7,510.48	12,090.33
3	BULGARIA	135.33	84.34	219.67
4	CYPRUS	55.06	78.12	133.18
5	CZECH REPUBLIC	455.09	462.98	918.07
6	DENMARK	632.78	393.37	1,026.15
7	ESTONIA	59.49	135.09	194.57
8	FINLAND	225.71	918.26	1,143.97
9	FRANCE	4,261.60	2,595.25	6,856.85
10	GERMANY	6,449.84	10,830.48	17,280.31
11	GREECE	295.08	99.28	394.35
12	HUNGARY	312.45	228.32	540.76
13	IRELAND	477.87	507.99	985.86
14	ITALY	3,807.63	3,721.75	7,529.37
15	LATVIA	71.68	60.19	131.87
16	LITHUANIA	79.65	208.04	287.69
17	LUXEMBOURG	7.68	170.71	178.39
18	MALTA	315.96	24.84	340.81
19	NETHERLAND	4,230.92	1,684.53	5,915.45
20	POLAND	924.83	515.91	1,440.75
21	PORTUGAL	537.17	94.09	631.26
22	ROMANIA	231.36	278.39	509.75
23	SLOVAK REP	125.11	57.79	182.91
24	SLOVENIA	243.08	79.62	322.7
25	SPAIN	2,933.29	1,520.51	4,453.80
26	SWEDEN	623.69	1,384.65	2,008.34
27	U K	8,067.81	4,865.05	12,932.86
28	CROATIA	102.44	32.47	134.92
	Total of EU Countries	40,548.55	39,290.37	79,838.90

**FDI INFLOWS FROM EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRIES
FROM APRIL 2000 TO FEBRUARY 2016**

(Amount in US \$ million)

Sl No	Country	Total
1	Austria	265.74
2	Belgium	895.87
3	Czech Republic	21.77
4	Cyprus	8,504.46
5	Denmark	432.44
6	Estonia	0.77
7	Finland	385.98
8	France	5,104.18
9	Greece	6.52
10	Germany	8,585.72
11	Hungary	17.48
12	Ireland	344.47
13	Italy	1,862.90
14	Latvia	0.10
15	Luxembourg	2,000.71
16	Netherlands	17,133.03
17	Poland	619.68
18	Portugal	36.43
19	Slovakia	10.80
20	Spain	2,204.09
21	Sweden	1,233.34
22	Slovenia	8.72
23	United Kingdom	23,083.46

24	Malta	14.65
	Grand Total	72,773.33

Note: 1. Amount includes the Inflows Received through SIA/FIPB route, acquisition of existing share and RBI's automatic route only.

2. No FDI inflow has been received from the remaining European Union.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.209
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

EXPORT AWARDS

209. DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE:

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

- (a) whether the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEOs) gives away annual 'Niryat Shree and Niryat Bandhu' awards for outstanding export performances;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with list of all the awardees for the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether indigenously manufactured export goods are also included in any category; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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- (a) & (b): As per information provided by FIEO, “Niryat Shree” awards are given for achieving outstanding performance in export of goods and services sectors such as Agriculture & Plantation, Engineering, Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals, Gems & Jewellery, Leather, Textiles, E-commerce, Residual products, Services, etc. State/UT wise list of Niryat Shree Awards for the years 2014 (14th set), 2012 (13th set) and 2010 (12th set) is at Annexure –I.

The “Niryat Bandhu” awards are given to supporting organizations helping exporters in achieving higher growth such as banks and other institutions. List of “Niryat Bandhu” Awards for the years 2014 (14th set), 2012 (13th set) and 2010 (12th set) is at Annexure –II.

- (c) & (d): There is no separate category of indigenously manufactured export goods as Niryat Shree awards are on the basis of Free On Board (FOB) value of exports. However, the awards given for sectors like Agriculture & Plantation, Textiles & Handicrafts, Leather, etc. are substantially indigenous as they may have very little component of imported inputs.

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			ANNEXURE-I	
(i) LIST OF NIRYAT SHREE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2014				
S.no	Category	Company name	State/UT	Type of award
1	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied sector- MSME	SRINIVASA HAIR INDUSTRIES	ANDHRA PRADESH	BRONZE
2	Residual sector not covered anywhere- MSME	INDIAN HAIR INDUSTRIES PVT LTD	ANDHRA PRADESH	SILVER
3	E-Commerce Exports	ACTIVE INDUSTRIES	CHANDIGARH	GOLD
4	Engineering and electronics sector - Non-MSME	ANGELIQUE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	DELHI	SILVER
5	Gems and jewellery sector - Non-MSME	PC JEWELLERS LIMITED	DELHI	BRONZE
6	Residual sector not covered anywhere- Non-MSME	DCS INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO. PVT LTD	DELHI	GOLD
7	Textile sector including RMG, made-ups, yarn, handicrafts & carpets-MSME	CL GUPTA EXPORTS LTD J P NAGAR	DELHI	SILVER
8	Agriculture and plantation sector - Non-MSME	DML EXIM PVT LTD	GUJARAT	SILVER
9	Agriculture and plantation sector- MSME	GOEL INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	HARYANA	BRONZE
10	Agriculture and plantation sector- MSME	BOLA SURENDRA KAMATH AND SONS	KARNATAKA	GOLD
11	Agriculture and plantation sector- MSME	MAHALSA EXPORTS	KARNATAKA	SILVER
12	Residual sector not covered anywhere- MSME	MUKKA SEA FOOD INDUSTRIES PVT LTD	KARNATAKA	GOLD
13	Residual sector not covered anywhere- Non-MSME	MANGALORE REFINERY AND PETROCHEMICALS LIMITED	KARNATAKA	SILVER
14	Leather and leather sector - MSME	SUPREME OVERSEAS EXPORTS INDIA (P) LTD	KARNATAKA	BRONZE
15	Service Provider	INFOSYS BPO LIMITED	KARNATAKA	GOLD
16	Agriculture and plantation sector - Non-MSME	ANANT COMMODITIES PVT LTD	MADHYA PRADESH	GOLD
17	Highest Foreign Exchange Earner	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
18	Agriculture and plantation sector - Non-MSME	ALLANASONS LTD	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
19	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied sector- MSME	GANDHAR OIL REFINERY INDIAN LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
20	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied sector- Non-MSME	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
21	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied sector- Non-MSME	LUPIN LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
22	Engineering and electronics sector- MSME	JYOTI STEEL INDUSTRIES	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
23	Engineering and electronics sector- MSME	GECO TRADING CORPORATION	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
24	Gems and jewellery sector - Non-MSME	GITANJALI GEMS LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD

25	Gems and jewellery sector - Non-MSME	KIRAN GEMS PRIVATE LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
26	Leather and leather sector - MSME	CHOUDHARY INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
27	Residual sector not covered anywhere-Non-MSME	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
28	Textile sector including RMG, made-ups, yarn, handicrafts & carpets-Non-MSME	SUTLEJ TEXTILES AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
29	Residual sector not covered anywhere-MSME	SAVI INTERNATIONAL	PUNJAB	BRONZE
30	Textile sector including RMG, made-ups, yarn, handicrafts & carpets-Non-MSME	VARDHAMAN TEXTILES LTD	PUNJAB	GOLD
31	Textile sector including RMG, made-ups, yarn, handicrafts & carpets-Non-MSME	TRIDENT LIMITED	PUNJAB	SILVER
32	Engineering and electronics sector-MSME	GRAVITA INDIA LIMITED	RAJASTHAN	GOLD
33	E-Commerce Exports	MAN MADE	RAJASTHAN	SILVER
34	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied sector- MSME	EMERALD RESILIENT TYRE MFRS PVT LTD	TAMILNADU	SILVER
35	Leather and leather sector - Non-MSME	PRIME INTERNATIONAL INDIA (P) LTD	TAMILNADU	GOLD
36	Textile sector including RMG, made-ups, yarn, handicrafts & carpets-MSME	A I ENTERPRISES PVT LTD	TAMILNADU	BRONZE
37	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied sector- Non-MSME	INDIA GLYCOLS LTD	UTTARAKHAND	SILVER
38	Engineering and electronics sector - Non-MSME	LOHIA CORP LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
39	Leather and leather sector - MSME	GUPTA H C OVERSEAS (I) PVT LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	GOLD
40	Leather and leather sector - Non-MSME	SUPERHOUSE LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	SILVER
41	E-Commerce Exports	ANGIRA EXIM PVT LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
42	Textile sector including RMG, made-ups, yarn, handicrafts & carpets-MSME	SURYA CARPET PVT LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	GOLD
43	Engineering and electronics sector - Non-MSME	GAYSON AND CO PVT LTD	WEST BENGAL	GOLD
44	Leather and leather sector - Non-MSME	DELTA PLUS INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	BRONZE

(ii) LIST OF NIRYAT SHREE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2012

S.no.	Category	Company name	State/UT	Type of award
1	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	SRINIVASA HAIR INDUSTRIES	ANDHRA PRADESH	SILVER
2	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	AL-NAFEES FROZEN FOOD EXPORTS PVT LIMITED	DELHI	GOLD
3	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	GARG TUBE LIMITED	DELHI	BRONZE
4	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	ANGELIQUE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	DELHI	SILVER

5	Gems and jewellery - Non-MSME	P C JEWELLER LIMITED	DELHI	SILVER
6	Leather and leather products - MSME	ALPINE APPARELS PVT LTD	DELHI	GOLD
7	Service Provider	INTERCONTINENTAL CONSULTANTS AND TECHNOCRATS PVT LTD	DELHI	SILVER
8	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	JAYDEEP COTTON FIBRES PVT LTD	GUJARAT	SILVER
9	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	R P BASMATI RICE LTD	HARYANA	GOLD
10	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	WINDSOR EXPORTS	HARYANA	SILVER
11	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	ALPINE MINMETALS INDIA PVT LTD	HARYANA	BRONZE
12	Handicrafts/ Carpets-MSME	N RANGA RAO & SONS	KARNATAKA	BRONZE
13	Residual Products- MSME	FICUS PAX PRIVATE LIMITED	KARNATAKA	BRONZE
14	Residual Products- Non-MSME	VIPPY INDUSTRIES LTD	MADHYA PRADESH	GOLD
15	Highest Foreign Exchange Earner	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
16	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	SOPARIWALA EXPORTS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
17	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	PRADEEP FIBERS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
18	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	ZENITH INDUSTRIAL RUBBER PRODUCTS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
19	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	LUPIN LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
20	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
21	Gems and jewellery - MSME	DHARMANANDAN DIAMONDS	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
22	Gems and jewellery - Non-MSME	GITANJALI GEMS LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
23	Handicrafts/ Carpets-MSME	HEM CORPORATION	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
24	Leather and leather products - MSME	PELICANS AUTOMOTIVE & PROMOTIONAL PRODUCTS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
25	Residual Products- MSME	TRANSASIA BIO-MEDICALS LTD	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
26	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	SUTLEJ TEXTILES AND INDUSTRIES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
27	Service Provider	VOLTAS LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
28	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	VARDHMAN TEXTILES LTD	PUNJAB	BRONZE
29	Handicrafts/ Carpets-MSME	SANKALP INTERNATIONAL	RAJASTHAN	GOLD
30	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	MEDOPHARM	TAMILNADU	BRONZE

31	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	FARIDA SHOES PVT LTD	TAMILNADU	BRONZE
32	Residual Products- Non-MSME	CHENNAI PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED	TAMILNADU	SILVER
33	Service Provider	MIOT HOSPITALS LIMITED	TAMILNADU	GOLD
34	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	PME POWER SOLUTIONS (INDIA) LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	GOLD
35	Leather and leather products - MSME	GUPTA H C OVERSEAS (INDIA) PVT LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
36	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	SUPERHOUSE LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	SILVER
37	Residual Products- MSME	KANPUR PLASTIPACK LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	SILVER
38	Residual Products- Non-MSME	LUXOR INTERNATIONAL (P) LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
39	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	CTA APPARELS PVT LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	GOLD
40	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	LGW LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	BRONZE
41	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	GAYSON AND CO. PVT LTD	WEST BENGAL	GOLD
42	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	IMPEX METAL & FERRO ALLOYS LTD	WEST BENGAL	BRONZE
43	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PRODUCTS PVT LTD	WEST BENGAL	GOLD
44	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	SARAF IMPEX (P) LTD	WEST BENGAL	SILVER
45	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	SUNITA IMPEX PRIVATE LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	BRONZE
46	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	NAGREEKA EXPORTS LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	SILVER

(iii) LIST OF NIRYAT SHREE AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 2010

S.No	Category	Company name	State/UT	Type of award
1	Residual Products- MSME	SRINIVASA HAIR INDUSTRIES	ANDHRA PRADESH	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
2	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	BISHAN SAROOP RAM KISHAN AGRO PVT LTD	DELHI	GOLD
3	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	AMIRA FOODS (INDIA) LTD	DELHI	GOLD
4	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	EMMSONS INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	DELHI	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
5	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	MEDICAMEN BIOTECH LIMITED	DELHI	SILVER
6	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	BHARAT RASAYAN LIMITED	DELHI	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
7	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS LTD	DELHI	SILVER
8	Carpets-MSME	PAYAL INTERNATIONAL LTD	DELHI	GOLD
9	Carpets-MSME	OVERSEAS CARPETS LIMITED	DELHI	SILVER
10	Handicrafts- Non-MSME	C L GUPTA EXPORTS LTD	DELHI	GOLD
11	Residual Products- Non-MSME	GRAN OVERSEAS LIMITED	DELHI	SILVER
12	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	PAYAL INTERNATIONAL LTD	DELHI	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
13	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	R P BASMATI RICE LTD	HARYANA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
14	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	BOLA SURENDRA KAMATH AND SONS	KARNATAKA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
15	Handicrafts- MSME	N RANGA RAO & SONS	KARNATAKA	GOLD
16	Service Provider	MANIPAL ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION	KARNATAKA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
17	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	ADARSH GLOBAL PVT LIMITED	MADHYA PRADESH	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
18	Residual Products- Non-MSME	VIPPY INDUSTRIES LTD	MADHYA PRADESH	GOLD

19	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	SURAJ IMPEX (INDIA) PVT LTD	MADHYA PRADEH	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
20	Highest Foreign Exchange Earner	RELIANCE INDUSTRIES LTD	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
21	Highest Foreign Exchange Earner	BAJAJ AUTO LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
22	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	SOPARIWALA EXPORTS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
23	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	TKV MARKETING INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
24	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	ZENITH INDUSTRIAL RUBBER PRODUCTS	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
25	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	BDH INDUSTRIES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
26	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	BALAJI AMINES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
27	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	SUPRIYA LIFESCIENCES LTD	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
28	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	LUPIN LIMITD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
29	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	WOCKHARDT LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
30	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	UNIQUE PHARMACEUTICAL LABORATORIES	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
31	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	SACHINS IMPEX	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
32	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	CUMMINS INDIA LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	BRONZE
33	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	SUZLON ENERGY LTD	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
34	Gems and jewellery - MSME	DHARMANANDAN DIAMONDS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
35	Gems and jewellery - Non-MSME	GITANJALI GEMS LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
36	Leather and leather products - MSME	CHOUDHARY INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER
37	Residual Products- MSME	AL-AZIZ PLASTICS PVT LTD	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
38	Residual Products- MSME	TRANSASIA BIO-MEDICALS LTD	MAHARASHTRA	SILVER

39	Residual Products- Non-MSME	SHARDA CORPORATION	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
40	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	THE ASIAN TRADERS (INDIA)	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
41	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	MANDHANA INDUSTRIES LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
42	Service Provider	VOLTAS LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	GOLD
43	Service Provider	SANDOZ PRIVATE LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
44	Service Provider	UHDE INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	MAHARASHTRA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
45	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	INDIAN METALS & FERRO ALLOYS LTD	ORISSA	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
46	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	INDIANA MACHINE TOOLS	PUNJAB	GOLD
47	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	AMAN MACHINE TOOLS (P) LTD	PUNJAB	BRONZE
48	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	SOMSON EXPORTS	PUNJAB	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
49	Engineering and metallurgical products - MSME	VICTOR FORGINGS	PUNJAB	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
50	Residual Products- MSME	SAVI INTERNATIONAL	PUNJAB	BRONZE
51	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	VARDHMAN TEXTILES LIMITED	PUNJAB	SILVER
52	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	SPORTKING INDIA LTD	PUNJAB	BRONZE
53	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	SHINGORA TEXTILES LIMITED	PUNJAB	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
54	Handicrafts- MSME	SANKALP INTERNATIONAL	RAJASTHAN	SILVER
55	Highest Foreign Exchange Earner	HYUNDAI MOTOR INDIA LTD	TAMIL NADU	SILVER
56	Agriculture and plantation products- MSME	EXIM RAJATHI INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED	TAMIL NADU	BRONZE
57	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	TRIMEX INDUSTRIES (P) LIMITED	TAMIL NADU	GOLD
58	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- Non-MSME	PETRO ARALDITE PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
59	Engineering and metallurgical	HYUNDAI MOTOR INDIA LTD	TAMIL NADU	GOLD

	products - Non-MSME			
60	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	TRACTORS AND FARM EQUIPMENT LIMITED	TAMIL NADU	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
61	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	INDIA SHOES EXPORTS PRIVATE LTD	TAMIL NADU	GOLD
62	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	FARIDA CLASSIC SHOES PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	BRONZE
63	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	ALINA PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
64	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	FARIDA PRIME TANNERY PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
65	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	A. I. ENTERPRISES PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	SILVER
66	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	INTERNATIONAL TRADING INC	TAMILNADU	BRONZE
67	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	WOOLTOP DESIGNS PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
68	Textile and textile products including RMG-Non-MSME	EASTMAN EXPORTS GLOBAL CLOTHING PRIVATE LIMITED	TAMILNADU	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
69	Multi Product Star Export House- Non-MSME	MOHAN MUTHA EXPORTS PVT LTD	TAMIL NADU	GOLD
70	Service Provider	ST. JOHN FREIGHT SYSTEMS LIMITED	TAMILNADU	SILVER
71	Service Provider	MIOT HOSPITALS	TAMIL NADU	BRONZE
72	Carpets-MSME	OBEETEE PRIVATE LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
73	Carpets-MSME	SURYA CARPET PRIVATE LIMITED	UTTAR PRADESH	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
74	Handicrafts – MSME	RUPESH KUMAR & BROTHERS	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
75	Handicrafts – MSME	DESIGNCO	UTTAR PRADESH	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
76	Residual Products- Non-MSME	LUXOR INTERNATIONAL PVT LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	BRONZE
77	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	CTA APPARELS PVT LTD	UTTAR PRADESH	GOLD
78	Agriculture and plantation products - Non-MSME	LMJ INTERNATIONAL LTD	WEST BENGAL	SILVER
79	Agriculture and plantation	ASIAN TEA & EXPORTS LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	CERTIFICATE OF

	products - Non-MSME			EXCELLENCE
80	Chemicals, drugs, pharma and allied products- MSME	AAREM CHEMICALS (P) LTD	WEST BENGAL	BRONZE
81	Engineering and metallurgical products - Non-MSME	BALASORE ALLOYS LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	SILVER
82	Gems and jewellery - Non-MSME	PKS LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	GOLD
83	Leather and leather products - MSME	ASIAN LEATHER LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	GOLD
84	Leather and leather products - Non-MSME	INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PRODUCT PVT LTD	WEST BENGAL	SILVER
85	Textile and textile products including RMG-MSME	SARAF IMPEX (P) LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
86	Multi Product Star Export House- MSME	SARAF IMPEX (P) LIMITED	WEST BENGAL	GOLD

		ANNEXURE-II
	LIST OF NIRYAT BANDHU AWARDS	
YEAR	Export Promotion Council/Commodity Boards/BANK	Awards
2014	PHARMACEUTICALS EPC	GOLD
	SPICES BOARD	SILVER
	THE SYNTHETIC AND RAYON TEXTILES EPC	BRONZE
	STATE BANK OF INDIA	GOLD
	CANARA BANK	SILVER
	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	BRONZE
2012	EEPC INDIA	GOLD
	SPICES BOARD	SILVER
	COUNCIL FOR LEATHER EXPORTS	BRONZE
	CANARA BANK	GOLD
	BANK OF INDIA	SILVER
	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	BRONZE
2010	ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER SOFTWARE EPC	GOLD
	THE SYNTHETIC AND RAYON TEXTILES EPC	SILVER
	THE INDIAN SILK EPC	BRONZE
	BANK OF INDIA	GOLD
	CANARA BANK	SILVER
	PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	BRONZE

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.210
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONES

**210. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:
KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV:
SHRI KANWAR SINGH TANWAR:
SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:**

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

- (a) the total number of operational and non-operational Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the country at present, State/ UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has recently identified some areas including the revival of SEZs to boost exports;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of non-operational SEZs, State/ UT-wise and the steps taken by the Government to revive these nonoperational SEZs and attract investors towards them;
- (d) whether the Government has also decided to provide all the support to exporters to boost outbound shipments; and
- (e) if so, the details of the support extended to exporters by the Government during the last three years?

ANSWER

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

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

(a): A statement showing State/UT-wise details of operational/non-operational SEZs is at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (e) : The Government, on the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the SEZ Scheme, periodically reviews the policy and operational framework of SEZs and takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZ policy. The Government has notified SEZ Rules (Amendment), 2015 vide G.S.R. 5(E) dated 02.01.2015 allowing dual utilization of facilities in Non-Processing Area (NPA) of SEZs by both SEZ and non-SEZ entities. In order to operationalise the non-functional SEZs, review meetings with the Development Commissioners of SEZs are held regularly. Steps for time bound delivery of services, digitization and online processing of various activities involving Developers and Units have been taken. Road Shows have also been organised in various cities of the country to give wide publicity to SEZs. Besides, under the new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, the benefits of Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) have been extended to SEZs.

Annexure-I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 210 for 25th April, 2016

States/UTs	Operational SEZs	Non-operational SEZs
Andhra Pradesh	19	16
Chandigarh	2	0
Chhattisgarh	1	2
Delhi	0	2
Goa	0	7
Gujarat	18	20
Haryana	7	19
Jharkhand	0	1
Karnataka	26	32
Kerala	16	14
Madhya Pradesh	2	11
Maharashtra	25	44
Manipur	0	1
Nagaland	0	2
Odisha	3	6
Puducherry	0	2
Punjab	2	2
Rajasthan	4	7
Tamil Nadu	36	21
Telangana	26	26
Uttar Pradesh	11	14
West Bengal	7	10
GRAND TOTAL	205	259

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

INDIA'S SHARE IN GLOBAL TRADE

211. SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY:

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

- (a) the details of India's share in global trade at present;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase India's share in global trade;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the details of sectors and new markets identified by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

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

- (a) India's share in global merchandise trade during the calendar year 2015 was 1.99%.
Source: WTO
- (b) & (c) Details of some key steps taken by Government to increase India's share in global trade are as follows:-
 - (i) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015. MEIS aims to incentivize export of merchandise which are produced/manufactured in India. At the time of introduction of MEIS on April 1, 2015, the scheme covered 4914 tariff lines at 8 digit level. Countries of the globe were grouped into 3 market categories (Country Group A, Country Group B & Country Group C) for grant of incentives under MEIS. Slight changes in lines covered etc. were made on 14.07.2015 and 15.7.2015. Thereafter on 29.10.2015, 110 new Tariff Lines at 8 digit level were added under the scheme. The rates/country coverage for 2228 lines at 8 digit level were enhanced. As on date, 5012 Tariff Lines at 8 digit level are eligible for rewards under MEIS. The annual resource allocation under MEIS was enhanced from Rs. 18000 crore to Rs. 21000 crore in October 2015.

- (ii) The Government has introduced the Interest Equalisation Scheme on Pre & Post Shipment Rupee Export Credit with effect from 1.4.2015. The scheme is available to all exports under 416 tariff lines [at ITC (HS) code of 4 digit] and exports made by Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across all ITC (HS) codes. The rate of interest equalisation is 3% per annum.
- (iii) In addition the Government continues to provide the facility of access to duty free raw materials and capital goods for exports through schemes like Advance Authorisation, Duty Free Import Authorisation (DFIA), Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) and Drawback/Refund of Duties.
- (d) (i) The details of Sectors covered under MEIS are given below:

S.No	Product Category
1	Fruits, Flowers and Vegetables
2	Tea, Coffee, Spices and Cashew
3	Cereals preparation, Seeds, Shellac and Essential oils
4	Processed foods, Cocoa products and Beverages
5	Eco Friendly products that add value to waste
6	Remaining Agriculture and Animal Products
7	Poultry & Dairy Products
8	Marine Products
9	Wines and Beer & Liqueur
10	Pharmaceuticals, Surgical and Herbal Products
11	Chemicals
12	Plastic Articles
13	Moulded and Extruded goods, Rubber, Ceramic and Glass
14	Auto Tyres and Tubes
15	Wood, Paper and Stationary Products
16	Handloom, Coir, Jute products and Technical Textiles
17	Carpets
18	Handicrafts
19	Textile and Garments
20	Sports Goods
21	Finished leather, Leather Garments and Goods, Saddlery Items and Footwear
22	Misc Manufactured articles, Auto seats, Steel furniture, Prefabs, Lighters, Mattresses etc.
23	Furniture and Wood Articles
24	Iron, Steel and Base Metal Products
25	Industrial Machinery, Engineering items, IC Engines, Machine tools and Parts
26	Hand Tools, Cutting Tools and Implements Made of Metals
27	Pumps of All Types
28	Automobiles, Two wheelers, Bicycles, Ships and Planes
29	Auto Components/Parts
30	Telecom, Computer and Electronics Products

- (ii) Markets/countries of the globe are grouped into 3 categories for grant of incentives under MEIS :-

Category A: Traditional Markets (34)

Include European Union (28), European Free Trade Association(EFTA) (Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein-4), USA and Canada (2).

Category B: Emerging & Focus Markets (140)

Include Africa (55), Latin America and Mexico (45), CIS countries (12), Turkey and West Asian countries (13), ASEAN countries (10), Japan, South Korea, China, Hongkong and Taiwan (5).

Category C: Other Markets (65).

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.218
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th APRIL, 2016

TOBACCO BOARD

**218. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Tobacco Board is equipped to balance the stringent antitobacco regulations at home and abroad and the concerns of growers for remunerative prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the tobacco trade at the latest auctions;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to ensure that tobacco farmers would not be pushed into distress like last year which had forced some farmers to commit suicide, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Tobacco board is implementing various extension and developmental schemes for improvement of productivity and quality of Indian FCV Tobacco to make it more competitive in the international market and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)(स्वतंत्र प्रभार)
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- (a) to (b) The Tobacco Board, set up under an Act of Parliament [TOBACCO BOARD ACT, 1975] is regulating the production and curing of only Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco based on the demand for tobacco in India and abroad, marketability of different types of FCV tobacco and other factors to ensure fair and remunerative prices to growers. Response of the traders in recently concluded auction for sale of 2015-16 FCV tobacco in the state of Karnataka has been encouraging. The average price realized was higher by 26% over the last year. In the current ongoing auction in the state of Andhra Pradesh, as on 18.04.2016, the average price are given to growers has been higher by 17% over the last year for the corresponding volume.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Tobacco Board is implementing various extension and developmental schemes for improvement of productivity and quality of Indian FCV Tobacco to make it more competitive in the international market. Subsidy is extended to the registered FCV tobacco growers by the Tobacco Board under its various schemes/components like Farm Mechanization, Improvement of Yield and quality of Tobacco, Improvement of curing practices, Post Harvest Product Management and Elimination of Non Tobacco Related Material.
