

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 64
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

CLOSED TEA GARDENS

***64. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:**

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

- (a) whether a number of tea gardens have closed down and if so, the details of such tea gardens, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has ascertained the reasons for the closure of tea gardens including small and medium;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to revive the closed tea gardens;
- (d) the other steps taken by the Government to help the tea garden workers, who lost their livelihood due to the closure of tea gardens; and
- (e) whether the Tea Board has been able to perform its regulatory role effectively and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken 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
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK
SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 64 FOR ANSWER ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016
REGARDING “CLOSED TEA GARDENS”**

(a) & (b): At present seven tea gardens in West Bengal and two tea gardens in Kerala are reported to be closed. The state wise details are given in annexure. The reasons for closure includes, inter alia, low yield from the estates, poor garden management practices, low quality produce, low price realizations and labour unrest etc.

(c) & (d): The condition of tea gardens is being monitored regularly by the Central Government through the Tea Board to facilitate reopening of the closed gardens. Government of India has requested the State Government to provide the benefits of social and economic development/welfare schemes of Central and State Government to all tea growing areas.

State Governments concerned have been taking several steps for revival of the closed gardens. The West Bengal Government has cancelled land lease in respect of Bundapani, Redbank, Dharanipur and Surendranagar tea estates and taken possession of the land to find out new entrepreneurs. Dheklapara estate was officially liquidated by the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court and the garden was put up for e-auction. However, no prospective buyer was available. Panighata Tea Estate has been recently closed due to labour unrest. Efforts are also being made by State Government of Kerala for reviving MMJ Plantations-Kottamala & Bonami Tea Estate and M/s Peermade Tea Co. Ltd.-Peermade & Lonetree Tea Estates.

(e): Tea Board is responsible for implementation of various regulatory and developmental functions under the Tea Act, 1953 for increasing production, marketing and export promotion. Tea Board has endeavoured to discharge its role effectively through implementation of the Tea Development and Promotion Scheme and enforcement of regulatory provisions.

State wise details of Closed Tea Gardens/Estates

Sl. No.	Name of the Tea Estate (T.E.)	State	Area under Tea (Ha)	No. of Workers	
				Permanent	Temporary
1	Dheklapara T.E	West Bengal	197	604	200 (Approx.)
2	Bundapani T.E		530	1215	68
3	Dharanipur T.E		265	357	450 (Approx.)
4	Redbank T.E		369	888	700 (Approx.)
5	Surendranagar T.E		172	301	150 (Approx.)
6	Madhu T.E		323	947	0
7.	Panighata T.E.		460.15	787	0
8.	M/s Peermade Tea Co. Ltd.-Peermade & Lonetree T.E.	Kerala	679.79	220	0
9	M/s MMJ Plantations-Kottamala & Bonami T.E		677.51	375	0
	Total 9 closed tea gardens		3673.45	5694	1568

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 70
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

IMPORT OF METALLIC SCRAP

***70. SHRI RAM CHARITRA NISHAD:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the existing policy to import metallic scrap/waste material;
- (b) whether some deficiencies have been reported in the said policy and if so, the details thereof along with the followup corrective action taken in the matter;
- (c) whether it has been made mandatory for any sea port to be designated for import of unshredded metallic scrap, to install radiation portal monitors and container scanners by March, 2017 and if so, the details and the rationale thereof; and
- (d) whether only entry sea ports are designated and notified for imports of these scraps and 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 d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK
SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 70 FOR ANSWER ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016
REGARDING "IMPORT OF METALLIC SCRAP"**

- (a) to (d): As per the Foreign Trade Policy, 2015-20, import of 15 kinds of metallic scrap/wastes of any form is 'free' and is subject to the condition that it will not contain hazardous, toxic waste, radioactive contaminated waste/scrap containing radioactive material, any types of arms, ammunition, mines, shells, live or used cartridge or any other explosive material in any form either used or otherwise.

While shredded metallic waste and scraps are permitted through all ports of India subject to Pre Shipment Inspection Certificates (PSIC); import of unshredded metallic waste and scrap of these 15 metals were allowed only through the following 26 designated ports till 06/10/2016:

1. Chennai, 2. Cochin, 3. Ennore, 4. JNPT, 5. Kandla, 6. Mormugao, 7. Mumbai, 8. New Mangalore, 9. Paradip, 10. Tuticorin, 11. Vishakhapatnam, 12. Mundra, 13. Kolkata, 14. Pipava, 15. ICD Loni, Ghaziabad, 16. ICD Ludhiana, 17. ICD Dadri (Greater Noida), 18. ICD Nagpur, 19. ICD Jodhpur, 20. ICD Jaipur, 21. ICD Udaipur, 22. CFS Mulund, 23. ICD Kanpur, 24. ICD Ahmedabad, 25. ICD Pitampur and 26. ICD Malanpur.

This policy was reviewed by the Government keeping in view the increasing demand for import of unshredded scrap through other ports, besides the above 26 designated ports. On the basis of inter-ministerial consultations, it was considered necessary to check the contaminated consignments at the port of entry and not to allow these to the hinterlands. Accordingly, the above entry points were revised for unshredded metallic waste/scraps vide the Public Notice No.38/(2015-2020) dated 06/10/2016.

As per this Public Notice, any sea port to be designated for import of un-shredded metallic scrap will be required to install Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner with adequate security. The sea port having completed the above shall approach jurisdictional Customs for inspection and certification. Customs may give necessary clearance on receipt of certification from Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB). On getting clearance from Customs, DGFT will notify such a port as designated port for import of un-shredded scrap.

The existing designated 14 sea ports namely Chennai, Cochin, Ennore, JNPT, Kandla, Mormugao, Mumbai, New Mangalore, Paradip, Tuticorin, Vishakhapatnam, Pipava, Mundra and Kolkata will be allowed to import un-shredded scrap till 31st March, 2017 by which time they are required to install and operationalize Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner. Such sea ports which fail to meet the deadline will be derecognised for the purpose of import of un-shredded metallic scrap w.e.f 1.4.2017.

Further, any ICD can handle clearance of un-shredded metallic scrap provided the same passes through any of the designated sea ports as mentioned above or any new ports to be notified/designated from time to time, where Radiation Portal Monitors and Container Scanner are in operation and the consignment is subjected to risk based scanning/ monitoring as per the protocol laid down by Customs.

Notwithstanding the above, import consignments shall be subject to pre-inspection certificate from the country of origin.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 700
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

TRADE WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

700. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- (a) the details of total trade of India with the neighbouring countries including Nepal during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from the neighbouring countries for bilateral trade and if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase trade with neighbouring countries especially with Nepal and the achievements thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which these steps have contributed to strengthening the Indian economy?

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 details of total trade of India with the neighbouring countries, including Nepal, during the last three years and the current year (up to August, 2016) are given below:

Value in US\$ Million

S.No.	Country	2013-2014		2014-2015		2015-2016		2016-17(Apr-Aug)	
		Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
1	AFGHANISTAN TIS	474.34	208.77	422.56	261.91	526.6	307.9	208.95	73.01
2	BANGLADESH PR	6,166.97	484.34	6,451.48	621.37	6,034.95	727.15	2,294.32	308.74
3	BHUTAN	355.6	152.17	333.94	149.87	468.95	281.27	216.7	62.18
4	MALDIVES	106.07	3.97	152.38	4.32	179.04	4.29	72.85	4.7
5	NEPAL	3,592.30	529.93	4,558.77	639.91	3,930.09	470.59	1,983.70	173.25
6	PAKISTAN IR	2,274.30	426.88	1,857.29	497.31	2,171.16	441.03	633.34	187.56
7	SRI LANKA DSR	4,534.35	666.93	6,703.72	756.17	5,309.53	742.79	1,536.13	234.39
	Total	17,503.92	2,472.98	20,480.14	2,930.85	18,620.32	2,975.01	6945.99	1043.83

Source: DGCI&S Database

- (b) and (c): The Government continues to engage proactively with SAARC countries, including Nepal, 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.

Issues relating to improvement of trade infrastructure in the form of upgradation of Land Customs Stations are also coordinated.

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 Nepal.

d) The share of India's exports to the SAARC countries vis-a-vis India's total exports has increased from 5.57% in 2013-14 to 6.42% in 2016-17 (April-August) and the share of India's imports from the SAARC countries vis-a-vis India's total imports has increased from 0.55% in 2013-14 to 0.73% in 2016-17 (April-August), thereby strengthening India's gains from trade.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 719
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

IMPORT OF WASTE MATERIAL

719. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:

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

- whether there is an import of waste, garbage and scrap material from other countries, particularly the western countries into India and if so, the total amount of waste, garbage and scrap imported into the country in the last five years;
- whether all of these imports are reused locally for local requirements and to fuel small industries and if so, the details thereof;
- whether any of these imports are harmful health-wise to the people and if so, the steps being taken by the Government to prevent or reduce these harmful effects;
- whether these imports are governed by any legislation/rules framed by the Government; and
- if so, whether all imports are being done in accordance with these rules/laws and 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)

- Details of various kinds of wastes and scrap imported into India in the last five years is annexed.
- Recycled Metal scrap is a secondary raw material which converts wastes /scraps into new raw materials. The recycling process promotes small industries which use recycled scraps from sectors like automotive, power, infrastructure, construction and white goods. Recycling is environmentally more sustainable and it is a cheaper source of raw materials.
- to (e): Import of any form of metallic waste, scrap is subject to Pre-Shipment Inspection Certificate (PSIC) from the Pre- Shipment Inspection Agencies (PSIA) for radiation & arms and ammunition. Any violation in terms of import conditions or wrong certification is penalized under the provisions of the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992 (as amended from time to time).

Further, Department of Electronics & Information Technology (DeitY) is involved in developing technology to recycle e-waste in an environment friendly manner. Under DeitY, a number of R&D projects have been initiated to find out technological solution on e-waste recycling in environment friendly manner.

Moreover, under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 and Rules framed thereunder, import of products, equipment containing Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) is subject to Rule 10 of the Ozone Depleting Substances Rules, 2000. Similarly, the Government has comprehensively revised its regulation on hazardous materials through Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 dated 4th April, 2016 wherein items included in the Schedule-VI of the Rules are prohibited for import from all countries. Import of Hazardous Chemicals is also subject to the provisions of the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, 1989 (made under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986) and violations of provision under these acts / rules are punishable as per the provisions under these Acts / Rules.

IMPORT OF WASTE AND SCRAP:
(VALUES IN MILLION USD)

ITEM DESCRIPTION	2011-12		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (APR TO AUG)	
	QTY(TON)	VAL	QTY(TON)	VAL	QTY(TON)	VAL	QTY(TON)	VAL	QTY(TON)	VAL	QTY(TON)	VAL
A) METAL WASTE AND SCRAP												
ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP	627672	1271.19	738470	1356.84	721630	1253.74	892457	1552.43	867472	1325.99	402853	575.45
COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP	161942	994.18	204262	1181.49	143735	820.79	166850	854.05	181898	764.23	75835	281.88
FERROUS WASTE AND SCRAP; REMELTING SCRAP INGOTS	6962720	3915.29	8197924	4474.15	4779781	2746.11	5935946	3329.27	7218871	2824.39	2591291	860.69
LEAD WASTE AND SCRAP	66653	136.34	51494	95.31	58834	109.93	60731	112.51	58724	90.23	25741	36.67
NICKEL WASTE AND SCRAP	1128	8.35	668	5.38	2790	22.66	2553	20.67	2009	12.85	1059	6.12
OTHER BASE METALS WASTE & SCRAP	216	0.58	294	1.20	148	0.75	303	0.88	372	1.26	658	2.16
ZINC WASTE AND SCRAP	48581	86.42	61219	101.09	69496	113.16	83661	153.57	58940	98.09	31899	52.28
B) OTHER WASTE												
PLASTIC WASTE	157368	90.91	204067	122.70	243393	148.12	232262	145.72	203326	101.71	62524	29.07
RUBBER WASTE	5722	1.49	18905	2.56	109556	8.69	217536	17.98	317666	24.14	164173	12.47
WASTE PAPER	2299988	644.56	2273855	539.34	2611186	617.77	3086606	743.72	3124648	677.95	1400196	294.06
WORN CLOTH	257118	88.34	252564	112.50	281034	117.18	293706	121.92	315901	109.03	135708	36.40
BATTERY WASTE	16253	25.09	20976	36.92	39361	43.94	37080	41.91	44144	43.79	20111	17.38
GRAND TOTAL	10605362	7262.76	12024697	8029.46	9060944	6002.85	11009691	7094.63	12393972	6073.66	4912048	2204.63

NOTE: FIGURES FOR 2016-17 (APR TO AUG) IS PROVISIONAL.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 725 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

EXPORT OF MAIZE

725 (H). SHRI RAJU SHETTY

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

- (a) the details of export of maize from the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (b) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to promote maize exports from the country along with the outcome 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 details of export of maize from the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise are as under:

Year	Quantity in Ton; Value in USD Million	
	Quantity	Value
2013-14	4267578.33	1009.91
2014-15	2825873.39	666.77
2015-16	697947.17	177.99
2016-17(upto Aug-16)	239844.97	57.32

Source: DGCI&S

- (b) Encouraging exports of agricultural products (including maize) is a continuous process. The Agricultural and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA), an autonomous organisation under the Department of Commerce, provides financial assistance to the exporters through various components of its Plan Scheme viz. Infrastructure Development, Market Promotion, Quality Development and Transport Assistance. Besides these measures, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has put in place various schemes namely Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI) etc. to provide assistance to encourage exports.

The export of agricultural products depends on various factors including availability of surplus over and above the requirement of buffer stock including strategic reserve, if any, concerns of food security, diplomatic/humanitarian considerations, international demand and supply situation, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness. Export of maize has fallen during the past

two years due to a variety of factors such as supply side constraints due to poor crops, high domestic prices which have made exports uncompetitive, etc.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 736
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS

736. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA:

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

- (a) whether India has exported a variety of foodgrains to various countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the total quantity and value of foodgrains exported from the country during the said period, year, price and country-wise; and
- (c) the prices of these foodgrains in the country during the said period?

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) The total quantity and value of foodgrains exported from the country during the last three years and the current year are as under:

Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million

Principal Commodity	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(Apr-Sep-2016)*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
RICE -BASMATI	3754102	4864.89	3698927	4516.28	4045831	3477.98	2067264	1631.70
RICE (OTHER THAN BASMATI)	7136191	2925.16	8302209	3336.84	6464589	2368.64	3368926	1286.99
WHEAT	5572025	1569.08	2924053	828.75	666675	164.22	168262	41.25
OTHER CEREALS	4926047	1204.16	3515350	869.11	967925	261.18	368308	99.75
PULSES	345657	290.36	222139	199.86	255743	252.11	79541	107.69
TOTAL	21734022	10853.65	18662678	9750.84	12400763	6524.13	6052301	3167.38

Source: DGCI&S, * Provisional

Country-wise details (Top 10 countries) are as under:

Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million

Country Description	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17(Apr-Sep-2016)*	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
SAUDI ARABIA	1128035	1247.67	1176356	1307.54	1134177	936.76	454192	346.46
UAE	1267821	573.68	1017586	590.73	999560	638.84	452866	333.17
IRAN	1698852	1971.49	1265237	1239.86	756953	595.82	465982	359.15
IRAQ	238843	285.71	281363	289.90	479125	374.22	369371	229.62

NEPAL	686372	190.06	1000441	300.14	990486	297.88	524008	143.40
BANGLADESH	3485540	924.32	2757600	852.16	894118	281.89	64932	28.97
SENEGAL	652021	195.79	765525	226.61	914526	246.22	333052	94.43
KUWAIT	212774	271.85	232773	276.18	219233	233.56	92722	83.48
BENIN	1169345	488.13	601698	250.87	626174	219.38	499277	178.77
U SA	136185	174.76	131996	169.24	175998	182.73	76379	80.76
OTHER COUNTRIES	11058234	4530.18	9432103	4247.61	5210413	2516.84	2719520	1289.16
Grand Total	21734022	10853.65	18662678	9750.84	12400763	6524.13	6052301	3167.38

Source: DGCI&S, * Provisional

- (c) The average monthly prices of foodgrains in the country, both retail and wholesale, are at **Annexure-I.**

Monthly Average Retail and Wholesale Prices

Retail Prices in Rs./KG; Wholesale Prices in Rs./Quintal

Source: Department of Consumer Affairs

Rice								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	24.65	2239.84	27.23	2451.32	27.64	2475.6	27.06	2426.08
February	25.21	2295.58	27.44	2478.15	27.66	2473.56	27.04	2432.24
March	25.1	2270.99	27.57	2489.92	27.43	2463.37	26.95	2422.52
April	25.25	2281.29	27.44	2487.96	27.56	2480.78	26.85	2404.22
May	25.4	2302.4	27.57	2498.08	27.5	2469.36	26.83	2405.67
June	25.85	2350.07	27.79	2498.36	27.58	2481.56	27.03	2428.97
July	26.32	2359.78	28.26	2533.99	27.52	2458.18	27.38	2459.44
August	26.65	2379.93	28.38	2536.97	27.34	2443.47	27.53	2467.95
September	26.9	2408.81	28.78	2576.76	27.4	2461.76	27.51	2467.24
October	27.02	2415.99	28.54	2560.57	27.55	2469.92	27.45	2464.6
November	27.53	2463.07	28.15	2534.53	27.52	2477.44		
December	27.43	2461	27.86	2499	27.43	2458.22		

Wheat								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	19.9	1809.25	21.84	1965.41	22.06	1979.55	23.35	2080.38
February	20.28	1843.88	21.76	1964.95	22.9	2053.46	23.82	2121.93
March	20.57	1859.64	21.61	1953.01	22.72	2040.19	23.69	2115.28
April	20.45	1846.75	21.29	1917.15	22.61	2033.32	23.27	2068.74
May	20.09	1823.63	21.03	1891.1	22.33	2007.85	23.34	2079.64
June	20.52	1869.01	21	1897.06	22.56	2023.33	23.39	2085.06
July	20.66	1858.48	21.49	1927.68	22.64	2029.37	23.31	2079.35
August	20.87	1874.05	21.52	1924.48	22.5	2020.45	23.31	2076.71
September	20.6	1848.33	22.07	1970.06	22.7	2032.66	23.32	2077.99
October	21.06	1884.34	22.16	1993.34	23.14	2078.07	23.42	2083.29
November	21.2	1918.73	22.12	1989.61	23.55	2115.72		
December	21.58	1939.19	21.89	1964.94	23.41	2091.41		

Gram dal								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	62.44	5793.32	49.58	4430.07	46.97	4249.57	67.42	6205.24
February	60.49	5577.94	48.21	4298.95	48.33	4385.22	66.05	6070.53
March	57.65	5306.49	48.79	4355.28	49.39	4477.84	65.48	6036.94
April	56.18	5161.15	48.7	4348.98	51.31	4685.17	72.38	6316.36
May	55.79	5116.67	48.59	4357.19	56.54	5225.87	73.58	6844.8
June	54.72	4997.7	47.41	4229.23	59.4	5483.36	79.26	7409.25
July	52.56	4751.4	46.36	4137.32	60	5537.13	93.07	8693.56
August	50.96	4613.94	46.08	4108.11	61.09	5647.38	99.79	9268.48

September	51.3	4628.21	46.12	4132.24	63.78	5890.19	100.28	9302.75
October	51.34	4623.27	46.2	4146.5	68.05	6298.39	112.11	10448.71
November	50.95	4567.23	45.64	4093.29	69.55	6443.08		
December	50.46	4519.45	45.48	4070.49	69.01	6362.8		

Tur dal								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	67.98	6340.78	70.02	6513.46	77.13	7227.53	145.74	13659.93
February	67.17	6265.99	69.95	6507.14	79	7431.01	140.14	13115.99
March	67.07	6263.23	70.14	6527.88	81.75	7708.05	135.27	12657.63
April	68.28	6381.2	70.25	6573.02	85.23	8058.38	148.51	12979.75
May	68.89	6454.44	70.41	6591.85	91.89	8686.62	141.19	13264.43
June	69.04	6475.87	69.93	6556.81	95.33	9041.88	140.1	13129.9
July	68.78	6429.69	70.35	6556.87	98.42	9321.73	139.33	13042.64
August	68.4	6397.05	71.68	6684.39	105.13	9969.17	132.27	12309.44
September	69.07	6435.15	73.93	6924.45	119.95	11365.36	121.27	11253.95
October	69.53	6453.78	74.11	6938.16	143.78	13630.99	121.57	11271.75
November	70.18	6528.69	75.1	7045.48	152.36	14324.14		
December	70.41	6541.69	75.65	7082.97	150.08	14172.3		

Urad dal								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	59.76	5480.25	64.35	5973.63	77.97	7318.93	139.56	13160.42
February	59.13	5432.24	65.13	6053.53	79.15	7447.88	137.17	12965.42
March	58.15	5332.65	65.87	6110.48	79.62	7497.05	135.29	12723.04
April	58.07	5350.63	67.26	6213.47	82.99	7809.51	148.59	13320.39
May	58.43	5396.76	69.07	6426.64	91.33	8645.68	152.19	14318.1
June	58.47	5413.24	71.2	6637.17	97.34	9222.52	152.73	14344.01
July	58.33	5385.63	72.75	6782.78	98.86	9373.4	151.67	14241.97
August	58.73	5385.29	76.01	7088.39	100.88	9577.69	143.84	13474.06
September	59.81	5503.89	78.61	7376.02	107.54	10155.29	131.5	12278.02
October	60.75	5612.32	76.32	7136.24	129.42	12202.39	126.13	11632
November	63	5837.63	75.71	7080.01	142.23	13450.8		
December	63.41	5914.05	76.27	7122.45	142.64	13463.99		

Moong dal								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	72.55	6744.17	78.78	7385.87	98.14	9235.95	105.31	9731.87
February	72.65	6755.61	82.24	7755.07	99.32	9355.17	102.56	9469.02
March	72.7	6764.89	85.13	8031.98	99.21	9300.86	100.96	9344.57
April	73.12	6846.88	88.31	8326.1	100.41	9381.02	108.79	9326.05

May	73.91	6927.98	89.08	8369.66	102.29	9551.68	100.72	9283.88
June	74.75	7017.34	87.08	8182.35	101.29	9489.25	98.41	9044.11
July	74.26	6934.95	86.69	8136	99.11	9276.46	96.86	8878.07
August	73.71	6838.04	88.29	8294.97	98.36	9182.33	92.93	8469.32
September	73.19	6785.51	89.09	8368.6	99.71	9269.83	87.75	7947.58
October	74.08	6895.55	89.25	8397.75	107.2	10051.41	86.58	7801.11
November	75.71	7045.14	93.64	8850.23	108.75	10165.12		
December	76.64	7170.01	96.02	9045.23	107.31	9911.58		

Masoor dal								
Month	Average Retail price2013	Average Wholesale price2013	Average Retail price2014	Average Wholesale price2014	Average Retail price2015	Average Wholesale price2015	Average Retail price2016	Average Wholesale price2016
January	53.71	4851.96	59.07	5444.41	74	6891.51	83.61	7655.34
February	54.02	4909.43	59.07	5479.17	74.32	6907.5	80.33	7363.21
March	53.77	4910.57	60.33	5595.97	73.49	6811.02	79.12	7270.04
April	54.74	5023.65	62.57	5794.16	74.18	6895.17	87.5	7510.14
May	55.72	5108.64	64.79	5980.86	77.84	7302.08	82.84	7660.85
June	57.43	5278.42	65.45	6066.91	80.78	7591.27	83.8	7763.62
July	58	5340.2	66.31	6133.44	82.32	7758.87	85.57	7934.18
August	58.3	5367.04	67.81	6269.2	84.75	8010.21	85.39	7872.87
September	58.54	5395.1	69.22	6408.76	88.48	8385.23	84.16	7708.88
October	58.38	5381.84	69.81	6503.59	90.27	8391.03	83.49	7577.56
November	59.29	5463.37	71.05	6627.82	89.71	8261.25		
December	58.45	5390.63	71.8	6690.44	87.6	8011.9		

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 738 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

TRADE WITH GULF COUNTRIES

738 (H). SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

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

- (a) the details of India's trade with the Gulf countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India's trade with the Gulf countries has witnessed an increase during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance trade with the Gulf countries during the ensuing five year plan period?

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 (c): The details of India's trade with Gulf countries (viz. Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE) during the last three years and the current year are at Annex- I and II. As per available DGCIS data, India's trade with Gulf countries has witnessed a decline during the current year, except in the case of Oman.

(d): Trade Fairs/buyers sellers meets are regularly organized in Gulf countries under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme of D/o Commerce with a view to diversify/boost exports and enhance trade with Gulf Co-operation Council Countries.

Annex-I

Department of Commerce
Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 6.0
Region-wise all countries Trade for West Asia- GCC region
(Period: April-March)

S. No.	Country	2013-2014				% Growth		2014-2015				% Growth		Exports
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports	
1	BAHARAIN	639.36	563.24	1,202.60	76.13	5.95	-15.26	472.98	446.25	919.23	26.74	-26.02	-20.77	65
2	KUWAIT	1,061.14	17,153.55	18,214.69	-16,092.41	0.01	3.41	1,198.89	13,381.97	14,580.85	-12,183.08	12.98	-21.99	1,2
3	OMAN	2,812.27	2,951.18	5,763.45	-138.91	8.19	46.85	2,379.44	1,752.24	4,131.69	627.2	-15.39	-40.63	2,1
4	QATAR	969.06	15,707.99	16,677.04	-14,738.93	41.02	0.1	1,054.98	14,604.71	15,659.69	-13,549.74	8.87	-7.02	90
5	SAUDI ARAB	12,218.96	36,403.65	48,622.61	-24,184.69	24.86	7.08	11,162.55	28,107.56	39,270.11	-16,945.01	-8.65	-22.79	6,3
6	U ARAB EMTS	30,520.42	29,019.82	59,540.24	1,500.60	-15.96	-25.85	33,028.08	26,139.91	59,167.99	6,888.17	8.22	-9.92	30,
Total of West Asia- GCC		48,221.20	101,799.42	150,020.63	-53,578.22	-5.55	-5.82	49,296.92	84,432.63	133,729.56	-35,135.71	2.23	-17.06	41,
% Share in India's total		15.34	22.61					15.88	18.85					1
India's total		314,405.30	450,199.79	764,605.09	-135,794.49	4.66	-8.26	310,338.48	448,033.41	758,371.89	-137,694.93	-1.29	-0.48	262,

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

Department of Commerce
Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities
and Countries) Version 6.0
Region-wise all countries Trade for West Asia- GCC region
(Period: April-September)
Values in US \$ Millions
(P) Provisional

Annex-II

S.No.	Country	2015-2016				2016-2017 (P)				% Growth	
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports
1	BAHARAIN IS	319.46	166.6	486.06	152.86	258.14	174.91	433.05	83.23	-19.2	4
2	KUWAIT	642.72	2,805.21	3,447.92	-2,162.49	721.66	2,046.82	2,768.48	1,325.16	12.28	-2
3	OMAN	1,016.17	830.96	1,847.13	185.21	1,185.03	707.83	1,892.86	477.2	16.62	-1
4	QATAR	473.09	4,915.73	5,388.82	-4,442.64	379.21	3,610.83	3,990.04	3,231.63	-19.84	-2
5	SAUDI ARAB	3,481.33	11,376.29	14,857.62	-7,894.96	2,679.85	9,320.58	12,000.43	6,640.74	-23.02	-1
6	U ARAB EMTS	15,589.66	10,652.24	26,241.91	4,937.42	15,903.12	9,763.50	25,666.62	6,139.63	2.01	-1
Total of West Asia- GCC		21,522.43	30,747.02	52,269.46	-9,224.59	21,127.00	25,624.48	46,751.48	4,497.47	-1.84	-1
% Share in India's total		16.09	15.2			16	14.63				
India's total		133,723.25	202,269.61	335,992.87	-68,546.36	132,033.39	175,101.35	307,134.75	43,067.96	-1.26	-1

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 755
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

ANTI-DUMPING DUTY ON CHINESE PRODUCTS

755. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

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

- whether the Government has imposed a provisional anti dumping duty for six months on seamless tubes, steel pipes among others imports from China and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the imposition of provisional duty is required to offset dumping and injury, pending completion of investigation and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties had initiated a probe into the alleged dumping and its adverse impact on the domestic industry; and
- if so, the details thereof and the steps taken 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
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d): Yes Madam. Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) initiated an anti-dumping investigations on imports of “Seamless tubes, pipes & hollow profiles of iron, alloy or non-alloy steel (other than cast iron and stainless steel), whether hot finished or cold drawn or cold rolled of an external diameter not exceeding 355.6 mm or 14” OD”, originating in or exported from China PR, on 8.7.2015, on the basis of a duly substantiated petition filed by the domestic industry with a prima-facie evidence of dumping of said goods into the country causing injury to the domestic industry.

DGAD vide its notification dated 31.3.2016 recommended to Department of Revenue, for imposition of provisional anti-dumping duty on imports of aforesaid products imported from China PR to offset dumping and injury, pending completion of this investigation. Department of Revenue, vide its notification No. 18/2016-Customs(ADD) dated 17th May,

2016 has imposed provisional anti-dumping duty in the range of US\$ 961.33 to 1610.67 per
Metric Ton.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 758
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

PURCHASES MADE THROUGH GeM

758. SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY:

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

- (a) whether the items earlier on Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D) rate contract and now on Government e-market (GeM) place are procured mostly not on GeM but against the rate contract concluded by other government agencies like National Informatics centre services Incorporated (NICS) and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of items along with the rates where rates on GeM are/were more than DGS&D rates/popular e-commerce sites like Amazon/Snapdeal/ Flipkart;
- (c) the details of purchases of computer made on GeM by Jharkhand Court from treating only one eligible supplier despite the fact that numbers of known computer brands are available in country and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether rates of computers purchased by Jharkhand Court on GeM were higher than the rate contract of DGS&D and if so, the details thereof indicating the increase in percentage along with the reasons therefor?

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) & (b): Government e-Marketplace (GeM) is a new initiative of Government launched in August 2016. GeM is expected to bring more transparency and efficiency in public procurement as it is a completely online and end-to-end procurement portal with simplified and automated processes for vendor and buyer registration, product/service listing, contract placement & management and time-bound payment to vendors. Since it is a marketplace, it provides a platform for dynamic pricing along with tools for Bidding & Reverse Auction as against static & long term pricing on NICS and DGS&D Rate Contract. The rates on GeM are found to be more competitive in comparison between the rate listed under GeM, NICS and Rate Contract has been done in few select Goods and Services in the following table and it could be seen that the rates offered in GeM based on actual order are lesser than NICS and Rate Contract. Further, rates offered in GeM are dynamic in nature.

Items	GeM rate in Rs.	DGS&D/NICSI Rate Contract/Tender in Rs	Savings %
LI UPS(.8KVA)/168 VAH	3060	3659(RC Rate)	19.57
LI UPS(1)/168 VAH	4043	4278 (RC Rate)	5.81
Hiring of Swift Dzire taxis on monthly basis	28000	32500 (Tender rate)	16.07
Laser jet printer	7348	8643 RC Rate 11234 NICSI Rate(3 yr warranty)	15/34.6
Photo copier Machine	97000	152250 (RC Rate)	56.95
Pass Book Printer	20890	23312 NISCI rate	10.4

The current prices on e-commerce sites are made available on GeM portal for the benefit of the buyers to establish price reasonableness. However, precise comparison cannot be done on account of different terms & conditions on GeM and e-Commerce sites. It has been invariably noticed that when buyers have gone for Bidding or Reverse Auction, the prices obtained are much lower than the e-Commerce sites. Buyers are encouraged to go in for Bidding/RA in order to derive maximum benefits.

(c): Jharkhand High Court procured 699 numbers of Intel i3 based Desktop Computers Model No.RC-31-Dell Optiplex 3040 MT and 233 numbers of Intel i5 based Desktop Computers Model No. RC-35-Dell Optiplex 3040 MT through GeM. Jharkhand High Court had taken prior approval of the competent authority for purchasing these specific models of Dell make Desktop computers through GeM.

(d): The Desktop Computers purchased by Jharkhand High Court were not available on DGS&D Rate Contract. The Desktop computers available on GeM and purchased by Jharkhand High Court were of superior 6th Generation processor as against 4th generation processor of Dell make available on DGS&D RC. Nevertheless, the GeM prices for the purchased computers were same as that of the 4th Generation computers on DGS&D RC.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.772
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

PSUS WORKING UNDER THE MINISTRY

772. SHRI INNOCENT:

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

- (a) the names and locations of Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) working under the Ministry;
- (b) the number of contract/casual labourers appointed therein during the last three years indicating the areas/jobs in which these contract/casual labourers were appointed;
- (c) the number of contract/casual labourers who were regularized during the said period along with the mechanism adopted to ensure minimum wages to these workers;
- (d) the mechanism put in place to ensure that the provisions of various labour laws are not violated by contractors and others; and
- (e) the action taken in cases of complaints against the violations by contractors?

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 names and location of Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry are as under:-

S.No.	Name of PSU	Location
1.	MMTC Ltd.	Core-1, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi
2.	State Trading Corporation of India(STC) Ltd.	JawaharVayaparBhawan, Tolstoy Marg, New Delhi
3.	PEC Ltd.	Hansalaya, 15 Barakhamba Road, New Delhi
4.	STCL Limited	"Chandrodaya", No.10/1, 2 nd Main, 30 th cross, 7 th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 5600 070 (Karnataka)
5.	Indian Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)	PragatiBhawan, PragatiMaidan, New Delhi
6.	ECGC Ltd.	10 th Floor, Express Towers, Nariman Point, Mumbai-400021

(b) The services of contract workers/labourers are generally engaged by the PSUs through various contractors/agencies for security, housekeeping, horticulture, pantry, electrical maintenance, drivers, etc. The details of number of contract workers engaged during the last three years by the PSUs under this Ministry is as follows:-

PSU	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
MMTC	286	283	296
STC	293	314	322
PEC	77	48	49
STCL	0	0	0
ITPO	0	0	0
ECGC	69	73	104
TOTAL	725	718	771

(c)to(e): No contract worker was regularised during the said period. At the time of agreement with outsourcing agencies, the PSUs ensure that the contractor has a valid licence and also registration with the ESI and EPF organisations and execute a written agreement with the contractor covering scope of job, legal obligation, payment terms, other terms and conditions. As per the payment clause, a contractor prefers his monthly contribution paid for the workers. In case of non-compliance of contractual obligations by contractors, the contract provides for pre-mature termination of contract.

During last three years, no complaint has been received by PSUs against the violation by agencies in respect of statutory compliance except MMTC Regional Office (RO), Kolkata. On instruction of Regional Office Kolkata, the contractor has since taken corrective actions.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 783
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

IMPORT OF EDIBLE OILS

783. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of edible oil imports into the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise and variety-wise;
- (b) the details of import bill of edible oils during the said period;
- (c) the reaction of the Government to the clearance given by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) to three varieties of GM Mustard and also terming them as 'safe'; and
- (d) whether safety data has been released to the general public to actually know how safe it is and if not, the reasons therefor?

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) & (b) The quantity and value (import bill) of import of edible oil into the country during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

Years	Quantity (in Millions Tonnes)	Value (US\$ Millions)
2013-14	10.5	9389.7
2014-15	12.7	10621.5
2015-16	15.6	10492.1
2016-17 (Apr to Aug)*	5.6	4207.6

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (Provisional)*

The details of variety-wise edible oil imports into the country during last three years and current year is enclosed at **Annexure-I**.

(c) The Government has not given any clearance for commercial cultivation of GM Mustard till now.

(d) The Sub-Committee constituted by Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) for review of bio safety dossier submitted by Centre for Genetic Manipulation and Crop Plants (CGMCP), University of Delhi, South Campus, has prepared an Assessment of Food and Environmental Safety (AFES) document. It was placed on [Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change](#) (MoEF&CC) website for a period of 30 days from 5th September, 2016 to 5th October, 2016 for inviting public comments.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 783 for answer on 21st November 2016.

Variety-wise Import of edible oil during 2013-14 to 2016-17(April to August)*

Item description	2013-14		2014-15	
	Quantity (KG)	Value (US \$)	Quantity (KG)	Value(US \$)
Soya bean crude oil w/n degummed	1345133000	1366409794	2317045159	2113431933
Soya bean oil of edible grade	2227	8576	5421	17414
Olive oil virgin	1689026	7040804	1962426	7611420
Olive oil and its fractions (excluding vrgn)of edible grade	6060589	24183649	6564924	26929532
Other crude oil not chemically modified obtained from olives				
Other oil (excluding crude oil) of edible grade not chemically modified from olives	901282	1990903	3259334	6499494
Crude palm oil and its fractions	5134890527	4348244664	6970994605	5409005540
Refined bleached deodrsd palm oil	24460000	19506836	9364690	6485162
Refined blchd deodrsd palmolein	2524901767	2140802927	1181072345	949584943
Other refined palm oil	57310	99715	3090922	2042563
Sunflower seed oil crude	1075397651	1137359594	1712439775	1565309115
Safflower seed oil(kardi seed crude oil)	10231100	16959080	9799075	17036411
Sunflower oil edible grade	162427	267769	112818	173718
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions			6205341	7908955
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions	1645569	1497766	3467909	5067045
Crude palm kernel oil	260074688	237563124	191837714	214491728
Curde babassu oil			2000005	1943289
Refined palm kernel oil and its fractions	1647000	1633245	231000	305817
Crude rape oil	53203000	53186890	277760000	251331074
Refined colza oil of edible grade	151540	214775	21370	24154
Refined rapeseed oil of edible grade	83510	120453	3630991	3840535
Crude mustard oil	142000	128859	465830	408644
Crude rape seed oil	15600289	16108019	24058329	21458480
Refined rapeseed oil edible grade	33163	55367	55200	67294
Other linseed oil of edible grade			20380	29980
Crude maize(corn) oil and its fractions				
Other maize (corn) oil of edible grade	3260	7656	1415	4784
Crude sesame oil and its fractions	5157997	7529678	2839997	3996766
Sesame oil and its fractions other than crude of edible grade	34305	165933	60835	219820
Other fxd veg. oils of edible grade	66225	488544	43238	566951
Cotton seed oil of edible grade	704	4014	16066	155998
Other veg. fats and oils and the frctns of edible grade	5136129	7249585	3107152	5340143
Linseed oil of edible grade	50	1463		
Other vegetable oil and its fats of edible grade	436568	909232	62736	193623
Total	10467302903	9389738914	12731597002	10621482325

Item description	2015-16		2016-17 (APR TO AUG)*	
	Quantity (KG)	Value (US \$)	Quantity (KG)	Value(US \$)
Soya bean crude oil w/n degummed	3964009513	2952779179	1615515780	1247064378
Soya bean oil of edible grade	21788	78128	17695	71807
Olive oil virgin	1623047	7263049	881777	3832516
Olive oil and its fractns (excluding vrgn)of edible grade	6490179	26904979	3207833	11752772
Other crude oil not chmclly mdfd obtnd from olives			503000	492636
Other oil (exclude crude oil) of edible grade not chmclly modify fr olives	2178494	4958043	703670	1506686
Crude palm oil and its fractns	7112059345	4200080522	1994485608	1380497010
Refined bleached deodrsd palm oil	1819002	1823526	423834	382639
Refined blchd deodrsd palmolein	2569112472	1584872125	1197276499	848271954
Other refined palm oil	660620	347032	7710	22074
Sunflower seed oil crude	1485995873	1272406957	598278000	513942612
Safflower seed oil(kardi seed crude oil)	6931340	12357692	12456215	16865891
Sunflower oil edible grade	82629	162604	67559	92320
Coconut (copra) crude oil and fractions	2415000	2855234		
Coconut (copra) refined oil and fractions	2759814	3495559	403	1063
Crude palm kernel oil	170724927	156859298	20513420	26188297
Curde babassu oil				
Refnd palm kernel oil and its fractns	2931080	2742971		
Crude rape oil	266086000	217188764	180817000	144568706
Refnd colza oil of edible grade				
Refnd rapeseed oil of edible grade	19647287	17159750	470519	495298
Crude mustard oil	200950	167290		
Crude rape seed oil	22961172	20582596	9205000	8102352
Refnd rapeseed oil edible grade	68990	102593	4180	6642
Other linseed oil of edible grade	1121190	1027561	550000	553939
Crude maize(corn) oil and its fractions	160000	84782		
Other maize (corn) oil of edible grade	1254	1955		
Crude sesame oil and its fractions	378620	508241	241000	236126
Sesame oil and its fractions other than crude of edible grade	59354	237220	300	1114
Other fxd veg. oils of edible grade	1727164	2370769	19355	296971
Cotton seed oil of edible grade	12282	107866	499	4309
Other veg. fats and oils and the frctns of edible grade	1459826	2403966	1595270	2318008
Linseed oil of edible grade				
Other vegetable oil and its fats of edible grade	32585	147939	10800	31735
Total	15643731797	10492078190	5637252926	4207599855

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.803(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

EXPORT OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

803 (H). SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:

SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has achieved no significant progress in the export of fruits and vegetables during the past several years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the total quantity and value of mangoes, grapes and other fruits exported from the Country during the last three years and the current year, Country-wise; and
- (d) the year-wise details of fruits and vegetables imported into the Country during the said period?

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 export of fresh fruits from India has increased from USD 299.09 million in 2010-11 to USD 635.49 million in 2015-16 whereas the export of fresh vegetables has increased from USD 575.92 million in 2010-11 to USD 799.93 million in 2015-16 (source: DGCI&S). As such, significant progress has been achieved in export of fruits and vegetables over the past few years.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The details of total quantity and value of mangoes, grapes and other fruits exported from the country during the last three years and the current year, country-wise (top 5 countries), are at **Annexure-I**.
- (d) The year-wise details of fruits and vegetables imported into the country during the last three years and the current year are at **Annexure-II**.

Fresh Mangoes

(Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million)

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (April-August)*	
Country	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
United Arab Emirates	23046.65	30.58	29231.90	35.72	19973.60	29.99	23559.39	29.02
United Kingdom	3381.08	8.06	329.80	1.00	1496.28	5.02	3008.96	7.36
Saudi Arabia	1721.91	2.15	2171.49	2.38	1399.08	2.62	1823.01	2.81
United States	242.42	1.00	271.79	1.16	266.45	1.15	617.07	2.35
Qatar	770.08	1.15	998.10	1.35	1016.25	1.59	1635.49	2.34
Other Countries	12117.87	7.61	9995.23	8.65	12177.34	9.12	8761.73	9.81
Total	41280.01	50.55	42998.31	50.26	36329.00	49.49	39405.65	53.69

Fresh Grapes

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (April-August)*	
Country	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Netherland	46136.91	89.17	32859.42	58.74	50702.44	87.39	7594.24	12.50
Russia	24503.00	38.28	12625.78	18.50	13804.66	20.47	5713.35	7.96
United Kingdom	17149.00	35.19	13475.81	26.11	18014.68	31.21	3682.78	7.01
United Arab Emirates	17212.25	21.71	11860.53	18.42	13075.43	17.63	4658.87	6.32
Saudi Arabia	9387.85	8.46	5319.73	7.65	8140.47	10.49	4188.91	5.99
Other Countries	78227.91	86.69	31116.59	47.19	52480.66	64.84	31190.14	26.52
Total	192616.92	279.50	107257.86	176.61	156218.34	232.03	57028.29	66.30

Other Fresh Fruits

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (April-August)*	
Country	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
United Arab Emirates	66804.54	59.40	61295.08	71.01	85388.80	90.58	34979.99	40.76
Nepal	28477.43	11.75	47022.20	19.30	73341.12	26.26	27724.63	9.88
Saudi Arabia	18848.87	14.77	20117.84	17.51	24510.19	21.27	10636.20	8.87
Kuwait	5270.78	4.54	7857.65	7.01	7500.87	6.75	7810.41	5.26
Iran	942.95	0.57	3387.80	2.02	20660.13	10.57	9570.28	5.09
Other Countries	120207.88	77.46	134755.51	86.53	96860.14	79.02	36974.83	32.66
Total	240552.45	168.49	274436.08	203.38	308261.25	234.45	127696.34	102.52

Source: APEDA; * Provisional

Import of Fruits & Vegetables for last 3 years & current year

Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million

HS Code	DESCRIPTION	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (upto August-2016)*	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
0701	POTATOES, FRESH OR CHILLED	863.00	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0702	TOMATOES, FRESH OR CHILLED	3.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	174.00	0.05	0.00	0.00
0703	ONIONS, SHALLOTS, GARLIC, LEEKS AND OTHER ALLIACEOUS VEGETABLES, FRESH OR CHILLED	17843.88	5.29	1032.30	0.41	130133.27	55.95	28.00	0.01
0704	CABBAGES, CAULIFLOWERS, KOHLRABI, KALE AND SIMILAR EDIBLE BRASSICAS, FRESH OR CHILLED	6646.50	0.55	6876.49	0.59	7865.36	0.63	2302.00	0.18
0705	LETTUCE (LACTUCASATIVA) AND CHICORY (CICHORIUM SPP.), FRESH OR CHILLED LETTUCE:	20.20	0.02	49.74	0.05	25.48	0.03	3.51	0.00
0706	CARROTS, TURNIPS, SALAD BEETROOT, SALSIFY, CELERIAC, RADISHES AND SIMILAR EDIBLE ROOTS, FRESH OR CHILLED	60.00	0.01	2.40	0.02	2.40	0.01	0.00	0.00
0707	CUCUMBERS OR GHERKINS, FRESH OR CHILLED	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0708	LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES, SHELLED OR UNSHELLED, FRESH OR CHILLED	0.44	0.00	97.50	0.16	62.85	0.10	0.00	0.00
0709	OTHER VEGETABLES, FRESH OR CHILLED	354.94	0.45	344.55	0.67	3985.71	3.95	169.23	0.39
0710	VEG COOKED OR NOT BY STMNG/BOILING,FRZN	192.47	0.18	63.60	0.07	243.21	0.16	30.08	0.03
0711	VEGTABLS PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED BUT UNSUITABLE FOR INSTANT CONSUMPTION	1671.63	2.31	1411.78	1.87	1882.39	2.56	720.33	1.05
0712	DRIED VEGETABLES, WHOLE, CUT, SLICED, BROKEN OR IN POWDER, BUT NOT FURTHER PREPARED	2149.22	5.21	1973.46	5.03	2417.20	4.11	634.03	2.03
0713	DRID LEGUMINOUS VEG SHLD W/N SKINNED/SPLIT	3655278.21	2127.47	4642517.73	2825.52	5878397.52	3954.76	1793799.23	1368.84
0714	MANIOC, ARROWROOT, SALEP, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE, SWEET POTATOES AND SIMILAR ROOTS AND TUBERS WITH HIGH STARCH	0.00	0.00	4.12	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0801	COCONUTS, BRAZIL NUTS AND CASHEW NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLED OR PEELED	776376.03	773.85	933429.33	1087.78	961724.78	1339.44	431985.08	687.44
0802	OTHER NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLED OR PEELED	187542.93	734.52	224659.63	921.90	186139.11	1066.57	71535.83	316.27
0803	BANANAS, INCLUDING PLAINTAINS, FRESH OR DRIED	4.20	0.00	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0804	DATES, FIGS, PINEAPPLES, AVOCADOS, GUAVAS, MANGOES, AND MANGOSTEENS, FRESH OR DRIED	330715.19	247.87	371782.57	279.13	338890.63	257.53	101906.04	65.77
0805	CITRUS FRUIT, FRESH OR DRIED	35503.09	19.74	54218.61	31.47	57952.44	32.19	47619.49	27.02
0806	GRAPES, FRESH OR DRIED	14717.62	39.75	20590.48	60.23	20368.70	67.28	3734.18	11.47

Import of Fruits & Vegetables for last 3 years & current year

Quantity in MT; Value in USD Million

HS Code	DESCRIPTION	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (upto August-2016)*	
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
0807	MELONS (INCLUDING WATERMELONS) AND PAPAWS (PAPAYAS), FRESH	386.59	0.17	341.51	0.20	405.35	0.28	208.94	0.10
0808	APPLES, PEARS AND QUINCES, FRESH	189927.56	213.86	216903.23	248.41	232743.31	237.99	164550.27	161.84
0809	APRICOTS, CHERRIES, PEACHES (INCLUDING NECTARINES), PLUMS AND SOLES, FRESH	1444.00	3.00	1716.15	3.76	2253.50	4.24	890.09	1.53
0810	OTHER FRUIT, FRESH	9738.69	16.06	11321.71	21.14	20236.27	30.81	8968.33	13.54
0811	FRUIT AND NUTS, UNCOOKED OR COOKED BY STEAMING OR BOILING IN WATER, FROZEN, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGA	260.20	0.53	508.66	0.89	141.84	0.47	95.44	0.27
0812	FRUIT AND NUTS PRESERVED BY SO2 GAS/OTHER PRESERVING SOLUTION UNSUITABLE FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION	42.31	0.07	0.03	0.00	3.26	0.03	0.78	0.01
0813	FRUIT, DRIED, OTHER THAN THAT OF HEADINGS 0801 TO 0806; MIXTURES OF NUTS OR DRIED FRUITS OF THIS CHAPTER	4349.12	13.59	4527.00	17.16	5459.37	14.26	805.42	3.00
0814	PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS (INCLUDING WATERMELONS), FRESH, FROZEN, DRIED OR PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED IN BRINE	1.34	0.01	1.13	0.00	1.26	0.00	0.19	0.00
	TOTAL	5236092.99	4204.68	6494376.10	5506.51	7851509.21	7073.41	2629986.48	2660.78

Source: DGCI&S, * Data for 2016-17 is provisional

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 807
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

ISSUES RAISED IN WTO

807. DR. KAMBHAMPATI HARIBABU:

SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:

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

- (a) whether the negotiations on fishery subsidies discipline, which had been on hold since 2011 restarted just prior to the Nairobi Ministerial meeting in December, 2015;
- (b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to protect the ongoing schemes for marginal fisher folk such as subsidies for fishing bodies at the World Trade Organisation (WTO);
- (c) whether the Government is making efforts to find a permanent solution on public stockholding programmes for food security and safeguard mechanism for curbing unforeseen surges in import of farm products and if so, the steps taken in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government raised this issue in WTO recently and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the move to impose safeguard duties on aluminium and steel products has been opposed at WTO and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken to protect Indian interests?

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) & (b) : Yes Madam, the negotiations on fisheries subsidies resumed in 2015 before the Nairobi Ministerial meeting. In the World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations on fisheries subsidies, India has been seeking effective special & differential treatment for developing countries.
- (c) & (d) : Proposals for finding a permanent solution on public stockholding for food security purposes and an agricultural special safeguard mechanism for developing countries are ongoing negotiations in the WTO. India is working with the WTO members, especially the G-33 group of developing countries which is instrumental in advancing negotiations on these agricultural issues. Apart from the meetings in the WTO, India has been emphasizing the need for implementation of the Bali and

Nairobi Ministerial Decisions on these issues on priority, in other meetings. In a recent informal gathering of Trade Ministers convened by Norway in Oslo on 21-22 October 2016, India underscored the need for prioritizing work on the Ministerial Decisions of special interest for developing countries.

- (e) : In the WTO Committee meetings held recently, some of the member countries have raised questions about India's safeguard investigations concerning certain aluminium and steel products, India has been defending its interests by appropriate interventions justifying its action under the WTO safeguard mechanism.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 814
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

BAN ON IMPORTS OF PLASTIC ITEMS FROM CHINA

814. SHRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to ban the import of plastic items from China due to the reported toxic contamination;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to prevent such imports and also to protect the indigenous industry?

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) and (b): The Government has comprehensively revised its regulation on hazardous materials through Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 dated 4th April, 2016 wherein plastic waste has been included in the Schedule-VI of the above Rules and the item is prohibited for import from all countries since then.
- (c) 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. Wherever, there are domestic standards for goods, those standards are also applicable to imported goods.

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. Apart from the Hazardous Rules as stated in the part (a) & (b) above, 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.

The Standards Committee on Plastics has been formed comprising Ministry of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Plexconcil, PlastIndia, Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology and other bodies representing plastic producers in formulating / developing a mechanism to thwart the import of substandard low quality, toxic and hazardous plastics entering the Country.

Indigenous industries can also seek protection under various trade defense measures like anti – dumping duty, countervailing duty and safeguard duty.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 849
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

SCHEMES OF APEDA

849. PROF. RICHARD HAY

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

- (a) the salient features of the Agriculture Export Promotion Plan Schemes of Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA);
- (b) the details of the funds earmarked, allocated and utilised under these schemes during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the fruits/vegetables exported under these schemes and the revenue earned therefrom during the said period;
- (d) the details of the targets fixed and achievements made under the schemes so far;
- (e) whether the Government has achieved the targets fixed under these schemes or the target is running behind; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the action taken 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
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

The “Agriculture Export Promotion Plan Scheme of APEDA” is a Central Sector Plan Scheme, which was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 25th November 2013, with an outlay of Rs.1100 crores for the 12th Plan (2012-13 to 2016-17). The Components of the Plan Scheme are as under:

- 1) Infrastructure Development: APEDA provides financial assistance to the exporters and export related government/ cooperative institutions for setting up of infrastructure such as Centres for Perishable Cargo at International airports and seaports and pack house facilities with packing/grading lines, pre-cooling units with cold storages and refrigerated transportation etc.
- 2) Transport Assistance: In order to mitigate the disadvantage of high air freight and sea freight rates, APEDA provides transport assistance on selected fruits,

vegetables, flowers, poultry, dairy and other processed food products etc. for exports both by sea and air.

- 3) **Quality Development:** Financial assistance is provided for the implementation of food safety management systems like HACCP, BRC, GAP and ISO-9001 etc. to enhance the export capability and credibility of Indian agro products.
 - 4) **Market Development:** Financing of Market Intelligence setup, participation in International Fairs & Exhibitions, exchange of trade delegations and assistance for packaging development is done under the component.
- (b) The details of the funds earmarked, allocated and utilised under various components of the Plan Scheme, during the 12th Plan period (2012-13 to 2016-17), are at **Annexure-I**.
- (c) The details of India's exports of fruit/vegetables, during the last three years and the current year, are at **Annexure-II**.
- (d) The details of financial targets fixed and achievements made against these targets are at **Annexure-I**
- (e & f) APEDA was able to completely utilise the allocations made during the years 2012-13 to 2014-15. However, during the year 2015-16, APEDA was not able to utilize the allocation of Rs.5 crore under the Special Component for Scheduled Castes, which was surrendered. As financial assistance under the Plan Scheme is provided to exporters, which are mostly incorporated entities, or Government agencies and not to individuals, APEDA was not able to identify suitable beneficiaries for the Special Component for Scheduled Castes.

Annexure-I

Scheme Components	2012-13			2013-14			2014-15			2015-16			2016-17		
	Earmar ked	Allocat ed	Utilis ed	Earmar ked	Allocat ed	Utilis ed	Earmar ked	Allocat ed	Utilis ed	Earmar ked	Allocat ed	Utilis ed	Earmar ked	Allocat ed	Utilised upto 15.11.201 6
Development of Infrastructure	43.35	43.35	43.35	62.00	37.91	37.91	62.00	45.00	45.00	65.00	42.00	42.00	66.65	25.00	25.00
Market Development	26.98	26.98	26.98	29.00	17.09	17.09	31.00	21.02	21.02	34.00	23.00	23.00	30.02	21.00	8.15
Quality Development	6.68	6.68	6.68	9.00	3.32	3.32	10.00	8.10	8.10	11.00	7.00	7.00	13.32	5.00	2.60
Transport Assistance	72.99	72.99	72.99	116.00	56.68	56.68	125.00	55.88	55.88	130.00	57.06	57.06	156.01	19.00	19.00
Spl. Component for NER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8.00	8.00	0	7.00	0.25
Spl. Component for Scheduled castes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	0	0	3.00	0.00
Total	150.00	150.00	150.00	216.00	115.00	115.00	228.00	130.00	130.00	240.00	142.06	137.06	266.00	80.00	55.00

Note: Budget for NER and Special component for Scheduled Caste was not approved and earmarked under 12th Five Year Plan but was sanctioned separately from 2015-16 onwards to APEDA.

Annexure-II

Export Details of Fruits & Vegetables for last 3 years & current year

HS Code	DESCRIPTION	2013-14		2014-15		Quantity
		Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	
0701	POTATOES, FRESH OR CHILLED	224705.89	41.93	393594.22	138.71	280
0702	TOMATOES, FRESH OR CHILLED	397331.44	138.56	217999.33	72.14	160
0703	ONIONS, SHALLOTS, GARLIC, LEEKS AND OTHER ALLIACEOUS VEGETABLES, FRESH OR CHILLED	1441676.25	543.95	1259241.23	383.67	1440
0704	CABBAGES, CAULIFLOWERS, KOHLRABI, KALE AND SIMILAR EDIBLE BRASSICAS, FRESH OR CHILLED	4983.92	1.51	5679.95	1.97	3
0705	LETTUCE (LACTUCASATIVA) AND CHICORY (CICHORIUM SPP.), FRESH OR CHILLED LETTUCE:	538.96	0.21	434.25	0.19	
0706	CARROTS, TURNIPS, SALAD BEETROOT, SALSIFY, CELERIAC, RADISHES AND SIMILAR EDIBLE ROOTS, FRESH OR CHILLED	1497.34	0.76	2502.79	0.93	1
0707	CUCUMBERS OR GHERKINS, FRESH OR CHILLED	1104.16	0.42	1216.12	0.47	
0708	LEGUMINOUS VEGETABLES, SHELLED OR UNSHELLED, FRESH OR CHILLED	8843.31	3.56	19674.53	7.74	1
0709	OTHER VEGETABLES, FRESH OR CHILLED	169231.62	122.72	156532.01	121.35	191
0710	VEG COOKED OR NOT BY STMNG/BOILNG,FRZN	68124.12	43.67	37180.21	40.00	32
0711	VEGTABLS PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED BUT UNSUITABLE FOR INSTANT CONSUMPTION	55360.39	46.19	91408.62	76.61	78
0712	DRIED VEGETABLES, WHOLE, CUT, SLICED, BROKEN OR IN POWDER, BUT NOT FURTHER PREPARED	52399.42	116.90	59683.19	131.93	63
0713	DRID LEGUMINOUS VEG SHLD W/N SKINNED/SPLIT	345773.90	290.49	222262.07	199.99	256
0714	MANIOC, ARROWROOT, SALEP, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE, SWEET POTATOES AND SIMILAR ROOTS	8486.75	5.25	9264.21	5.11	12

	AND TUBERS WITH HIGH STARCH					
0801	COCONUTS, BRAZIL NUTS AND CASHEW NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLED OR PEELED	191544.05	894.99	249527.22	974.60	184
0802	OTHER NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLED OR PEELED	14351.21	72.43	12218.62	46.28	14
0803	BANANAS, INCLUDING PLAINAINS, FRESH OR DRIED	36255.89	26.02	65200.61	40.22	100
0804	DATES, FIGS, PINEAPPLES, AVOCADOS, GUAVAS, MANGOES, AND MANGOSTEENS, FRESH OR DRIED	201861.79	194.43	217457.74	205.28	187
0805	CITRUS FRUIT, FRESH OR DRIED	52988.18	20.88	44558.47	17.84	105
0806	GRAPES, FRESH OR DRIED	180811.04	279.84	107450.31	176.77	161
0807	MELONS (INCLUDING WATERMELONS) AND PAPAWS (PAPAYAS), FRESH	25889.20	11.57	29306.01	14.10	39
0808	APPLES, PEARS AND QUINCES, FRESH	36192.84	13.90	20447.31	8.61	20
0809	APRICOTS, CHERRIES, PEACHES (INCLUDING NECTARINES), PLUMS AND SOLES, FRESH	332.72	0.15	67.85	0.10	
0810	OTHER FRUIT, FRESH	54660.90	68.48	89891.79	85.23	82
0811	FRUIT AND NUTS, UNCOOKED OR COOKED BY STEAMING OR BOILING IN WATER, FROZEN, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGA	23006.59	26.04	24130.56	27.83	30
0812	FRUIT AND NUTS PROVSINLY PRSVD BY SO2 GAS/OTHRPRSVNG SOLN UNSUTBLE FOR IMMDET CONSMPTION	1010.14	1.00	634.97	0.74	
0813	FRUIT, DRIED, OTHER THAN THAT OF HEADINGS 0801 TO 0806; MIXTURES OF NUTS OR DRIED FRUITS OF THIS CHAPTER	20042.06	13.35	13248.28	12.50	11
0814	PEEL OF CITRUS FRUIT OR MELONS (INCLUDING WATERMELONS), FRESH, FROZEN, DRIED OR PROVISIONALLY PRESERVED IN BRINE	210.44	0.29	332.39	0.61	
		3619214.53	2979.47	3351144.84	2791.52	3464

Source: DGCIS, * Data for 2016-17 is provisional

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 853
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

SPICES BOARD

853. SHRI E. AHAMED:

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

- (a) the details of activities undertaken by the Spices Board;
- (b) whether the Government and the Spices Board extend assistance to the spice cultivators;
- (c) if so, the manner in which they extend assistance to the spice cultivators;
- (d) whether the spices industry in the country has been facing any problems; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address them?

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): Spices Board is mandated for development, research and marketing of small and large cardamom and post harvesting improvement of spices having export potential. The Board is also responsible for the export promotion of Spices.

(b)&(c): Spice Board is implementing the "Export Oriented Production, Export Development & Promotion of Spices" Scheme wherein, assistance is provided to cultivators of small and large cardamom the form of subsidies through various programmes for production of quality planting materials, replanting of old and uneconomic gardens, new planting, irrigation development programme, improved curing facilities, farm mechanization, etc. for boosting production. Apart from the above, Spices Board implements several programmes for spices cultivators which inter alia includes development of infrastructure for common processing facilities in Spice Parks, adaptation of upgraded technology in spice processing, setting up of quality evaluation labs, quality certification and training of laboratory personnel, assistance to farmers on post-harvest quality improvement and imparting training to farmers in Good Agricultural Practices etc.

(d)&(e): The major challenges faced by the spice industry are price fluctuations, quality issues at farm level and low productivity due to climate vagaries, incidence of pests & diseases etc. In order to address the issue of price fluctuation, the Ministry has recently approved Revenue Insurance scheme for Plantation Crops, which includes small and large cardamom, to be implemented on pilot basis for protecting the farmers against losses arising from

both fluctuations in yield as well as prices. Through the 12th Plan Scheme, various programmes for increasing the production and quality of small and large cardamom are effectively undertaken.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 859(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

LAND ACQUIRED FOR SEZs

859 (H). SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

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

- (a) the details of locations where fertile land was acquired for setting up of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) despite enactment of provisions by the Government in regard to not acquiring fertile land for SEZs along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total area of land acquired for setting up of SEZs and the area of fertile land out of it; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken 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
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): Land is a State subject. Land for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) is acquired as per the policy and procedures of the respective State Governments. State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for SEZs, first priority should be for acquisition of waste and barren land and if necessary single crop agricultural land could be acquired for the SEZs. If perforce a portion of double cropped agricultural land has to be acquired to meet the minimum area requirements, especially for multi-product SEZs, the same should not exceed 10% of the total land required for the SEZ. The Board of Approval for SEZs (Central Government) only considers those proposals, which have been duly recommended by the State Government.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 863(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

REVIEW OF INDO-KOREA CEPA

863(H). SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Alu-Alu Foils manufacturers association has requested the Government to review the Indo-Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) which is effective since January, 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the action taken by the Government on this request;
- (c) whether the Aluminium Association of India has also strongly supported this demand of Indian Alu-Alu Foils (Cold Form Foils) manufacturers to save the domestic Industry and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that when the agreement was applicable, no one was producing Alu-Alu Foils in India, but new domestic Industry is having sufficient capacity to manufacture the total demands of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto?

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 (c): Cold Form Foil (Mfrs.) Association had submitted a representation dated 17th March 2015 requesting withdrawal of exemption granted to the import of Cold Form Foil (final product) from South Korea under India-Korea CEPA.

Aluminium Association of India vide their letter dated 22nd May 2015 supported the request of Cold Form Foil (Mfrs.) Association. A request regarding withdrawal of custom duty exemption granted to South Korea on Alu-Alu Foils (Cold Form Foils) under India-Korea CEPA was also received from Hon'ble Member of Parliament, ShriKaushalendra Kumar in August 2016.

The issue was examined by the Government. Under the India-Korea CEPA agreement which entered into force w.e.f. 01.01.2010, the customs tariffs on Aluminium foils (under HS 7607) were committed for progressive elimination. The Indian schedule of tariff concessions under CEPA had been finalised in 2009 after extensive stakeholder consultations with the domestic industries and the line Ministries/Departments. As was also informed to Hon'ble MP, Shri Kaushalendra Kumar vide letter dated 7th October 2016, it is not presently feasible to unilaterally withdraw the tariff concessions as the India-Korea CEPA is an international bilateral trade agreement under which both the countries have taken on certain commitments. However, the agreement incorporates safeguard provisions which can be invoked, on a case by case basis, in case serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry from the other party is established.

(d) to (e) No compilation of production and sales data of Alu-Alu foils is presently available to substantiate that no one was producing Alu-Alu foils in India in 2010. Moreover, as per the details provided by DGCI&S, the share of Korea in the total imports of Aluminium foils under HS code 76072090 has been hovering at 16 to 21 % during the last three years. In the last year i.e. 2015-16, it was 16.49% of the total import.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 867
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

FACILITIES TO EXPORTERS

867. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the exporters are proposed to be given the facility of duty free imports/ procurement of inputs for exports under the new Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any exemption system in place for exporters under the GST and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the exporters are required to pay the GST first and then procure a refund arrangement on the entitled exemption and 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 (d): As per section 12(4) (c) of the Constitution (One Hundred and First Amendment) Act, 2016, the Goods and Service Tax Council shall make recommendations to the Union and the States on the Goods and Services Tax Laws, principles of levy, apportionment of Goods and Service Tax levied on supplies in the course of Inter-State trade or commerce under article 269A and the principle that govern the place of supply. The provisions regarding exemption and refund in the GST regime are to be made in the Model GST Law. The deliberations of GST Council on various issues entrusted to it are in progress.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 869
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

IMPACT OF BREXIT ON INDIA'S TRADE

869. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:

SHRI DHARAM VIRA:

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

- (a) the details of India's volume and component-wise share of trade with the European Union as a whole including Britain and with Britain separately for the last five years;
- (b) the extent to which the recent exit of Britain from the European Union is likely to affect India's trade with the Britain and the rest of the European Union;
- (c) the measures which have been taken to protect any instability or uncertainty which may arise from the Brexit in our trade sector; and
- (d) whether the Indian businesses/ industries located in the UK are being focused as they stand to lose out on preferential access to EU markets and the advantages of import-export tariff barriers that they once enjoyed and if so, the steps taken to address such issues?

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 details of India's volume and component wise share of trade with the European Union as a whole including Britain and with Britain separately for the last five years are given overleaf.

(b), (c) & (d): Any impact on India's trade with United Kingdom and the rest of European Union, the measures required to tackle likely uncertainty in trade, impact on preferential access to EU markets, change in import-export tariff barriers, after the process of separation is completed subject to invocation of Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty, are dependent on the final terms and conditions of UK's withdrawal arrangement with the European Union. .

(Value in
US\$ Million)

Component	Country Group	(2011-12)	(2012-13)	(2013-14)	(2014-15)	(2015-16)
EXPORT	EU including Britain	52670.86	50555.60	51722.24	49491.74	44573.68
	Britain	8589.93	8612.54	9779.47	9319.73	8828.71
	India's Total Export	305963.90	300400.58	314415.73	310352.01	262290.13
	EU share in Total Export (%)	17.21	16.83	16.45	15.95	16.99
	Britain Share in Total Export (%)	2.81	2.87	3.11	3.00	3.37
IMPORT	EU including Britain	56554.13	52294.20	49962.22	49236.39	43934.11
	Britain	7130.41	6294.09	6045.22	5018.28	5192.54
	India's Total Import	489319.49	490736.65	450213.63	448033.41	381006.63
	EU share in Total Import (%)	11.56	10.66	11.10	10.99	11.53
	Britain Share in Total Import (%)	1.46	1.28	1.34	1.12	1.36
Total Trade	EU including Britain	109224.99	102849.80	101684.45	98728.13	88507.79
	Britain	15720.35	14906.63	15824.69	14338.01	14021.25
	India's Total Trade	795283.40	791137.23	764629.36	758385.42	643296.76
	EU share in India's Total Trade (%)	13.73	13.00	13.30	13.02	13.76
	Britain Share in India's Total Trade (%)	1.98	1.88	2.07	1.89	2.18

(Source: DGCIS)

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

TRADE DEFICIT

879. DR. RAVINDRA BABU:
SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:
DR. K. GOPAL:

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

- the details of India's imports and exports during the last three years and the current year, year-wise indicating total imports from China;
- the percentage of gap between the imports and exports of the country during the said period;
- whether the trade gap of the country has increased during the period and if so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof;
- whether the Government has taken several measures to improve the trade deficit with other countries and if so, the details thereof; and
- whether the Government has asked its missions abroad to explore all avenues in this regard and if so, the response received 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
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

- (a) India's merchandise imports and exports and imports from China during the last three years and the current year are as follows:

Years	(in US\$ Billions)		
	Total Imports	Total Exports	Imports from China
2013-14	450.2	314.4	51.0
2014-15	448.0	310.4	60.4
2015-16	381.0	262.3	61.7
2016-17 (Apr-Sept)*	175.1	132.0	29.2

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

- (b) The gap between the imports and exports of the country during the last three years and the current year is as follows:

Years	(in terms of US\$ Billions)			
	Export	Import	Trade Gap	% Trade Gap over previous year
2013-14	314.42	450.21	-135.79	-
2014-15	310.35	448.03	-137.68	1.39
2015-16	262.29	381.02	-118.726	-13.77
2015-16 (Apr-Sept)	133.72	202.27	-68.55	-
2016-17 (Apr-Sept)*	132.03	175.10	-43.07	-37.17

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

- (c) The above data reveals that there is a small increase in the trade gap during the period 2014-15 over 2013-14. However, the trade gap has decreased in 2015-16 and the current year compared to corresponding period of previous year.

(d) The Government has taken following measures to improve the trade deficit with other countries:

- (i) The New **Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20)** was announced on 1st April, 2015 with a focus on supporting both manufacturing and services exports.
- (ii) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015. The Government has extended the market coverage to all countries in respect of 7914 lines. The revenue forgone under the scheme (MEIS) has increased from Rs. 22000 Crore to Rs. 23500 Crore per annum.
- (iii) The Government launched Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) in the FTP 2015-2020. The Scheme provided rewards to service providers of notified services who are providing service from India.
- (iv) The Government is implementing the **Niryat Bandhu** Scheme with an objective to reach out to the new and potential exporters including exporters from Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and mentor them through orientation programmes, counselling sessions, individual facilitation, etc., on various aspects of foreign trade for being able to get into international trade and boost exports from India.
- (v) By way of trade facilitation and enhancing the ease of doing business, Government reduced the number of mandatory documents required for exports and imports to three each, which is comparable with international benchmarks. The trade community can file applications online for various trade related schemes. Online

payment of application fees through Credit/Debit cards and electronic funds transfer from 53 Banks has been put in place.

(vi) Interest Equalization Scheme on pre & post shipment credit launched to provide cheaper credit to exporters.

(vii) Further, 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.

(e) Efforts are continuously made through missions abroad 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.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 892
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

CONCESSIONS AND BENEFITS UNDER TRADE AGREEMENTS

892. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:

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

- (a) the trade concessions being extended to the countries by India under Asia Pacific Trade Agreements (APTA) and the reciprocal concessions received by India under the said agreement;
- (b) whether the Government has decided to ease rules for import of railway locomotives, nuclear plants, fissile materials and aircraft under APTA and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the progress in talks on India's membership to Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP);
- (d) the benefits to India from joining RCEP and TPP other than those already accruing from being part of APTA; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent the Free Trade Agreements from hurting the local manufacturing?

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) & (b): The tariff concessions being granted to Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) member States, on Margin of Preference basis, under the fourth round of exchange of tariff concessions, includes certain tariff lines relating to railway locomotives, nuclear plants, fissile material and aircraft. The Union Cabinet, in its meeting on 12th September, 2016 has approved the exchange of these tariff concessions. The decisions of the Cabinet would be implemented at the next meeting of the Ministerial Council of APTA.

The APTA (formerly the Bangkok Agreement) is an Agreement signed since 1975. Three Rounds of tariff concessions have already been exchanged among the member countries till 2003. The current membership of APTA consists of six countries, namely, Bangladesh, China, India, Lao PDR, Republic of Korea, and Sri Lanka.

(c) & (d): India is part of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) which is a proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) amongst sixteen countries consisting of ten ASEAN member states and their six Free Trade Partners namely India, Australia, China, Japan, New Zealand and Republic of Korea. The RCEP is intended to facilitate and thereby increase goods and services trade as well as investment flows amongst the participating countries. India has stressed on the need for parallelism between the negotiations on goods and services. The negotiations of the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) have been concluded but the agreement is not yet ratified for implementation by the participating countries. India is not part of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement.

(e) : In order to protect the interest of the local manufacturing (domestic industry), the FTAs provide for maintaining sensitive/negative lists of items on which limited or no tariff concessions are granted under the agreement. In addition, in case of a surge in imports and injury to the domestic industry, a country is allowed to take recourse to the measures such as anti-dumping and safeguards.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 894
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE FOR RUBBER

894. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has fixed or is planning to fix the minimum support price for rubber;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the cost for producing 1 kg of rubber by a farmer in the country;
- (d) whether any difference has been observed in this regard in various States/ UTs of the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise?

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) and (b): No Madam. However, Government of Kerala is implementing “Rubber Production Incentive Scheme” wherein the difference between Rs 150 per kg and the daily market price of Natural Rubber is credited to the bank account of the farmer.

(c) to (e) : No such analysis has been undertaken so far regarding the cost for producing natural rubber in the country.

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 909(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST NOVEMBER, 2016

DECLINE IN EXPORTS

909(H). SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
SHRI B.V. NAIK:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:
SHRI NITYANAND RAI:
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:
SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:
SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

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

- (a) the details of India's exports of various commodities during the last three years and the current year along with their quantity and value and the foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise;
- (b) whether India's exports are declining continuously and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on employment generation and the steps taken by the Government to boost country's exports including any incentive package for the exporters from small and medium industries;
- (c) whether the Government has recently extended fiscal incentives to more items and enhanced the rate of incentives for certain other specified items under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme to boost the exports and if so, the details thereof, item-wise;
- (d) the details of the assistance/ incentives/facilities provided to States/UTs for creating appropriate infrastructure for the development and growth of exports during the last three years and the current year along with the contribution made by the State/UTs in total export of the country during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
- (e) whether the domestic products of high technology are not capable of competing in the international market and if so, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken by the Government to encourage the export of high technology products?

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 India's merchandise exports during the last three years and current year along with their quantity and values are enclosed at *Annexure-I*. The country-wise foreign exchange earned from India's merchandise exports are enclosed at *Annexure-II*.

- (b) The India's merchandise exports have decreased since 2013-14 as per the details given below:

Years	Exports value (in US\$ Billions)	% Growth
2013-14	314.41	-
2014-15	310.34	-1.29
2015-16	262.29	-15.48
2015-16 (Apr-Oct)	155.18	-
2016-17 (Apr-Oct)*	154.91	-0.17

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

The information in the above table reflects that decline has been very less in the current year as compared to corresponding period of previous year. The key reasons for the decline are as follows:

- i. Slowdown in developed and emerging economies.
- ii. Sharp fall in Crude and petroleum product prices

The Government has taken following measures to boost the country's exports including exports from small and medium industries:

- (i) The New **Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20)** was announced on 1st April, 2015 with a focus on supporting both manufacturing and services exports.
- (ii) The Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) was introduced in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 on April 1, 2015. The Government has extended the market coverage to all countries in respect of 7914 lines. The revenue forgone under the scheme (MEIS) has increased from Rs. 22000 Crore to Rs. 23500 Crore per annum.
- (iii) The Government launched Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) in the FTP 2015-2020. The Scheme provided rewards to service providers of notified services who are providing service from India.
- (iv) The Government is implementing the Niryat Bandhu Scheme with an objective to reach out to the new and potential exporters including exporters from Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and mentor them through orientation programmes, counselling sessions, individual facilitation, etc., on various aspects of foreign trade for being able to get into international trade and boost exports from India.
- (v) By way of trade facilitation and enhancing the ease of doing business, Government reduced the number of mandatory documents required for exports and imports to three each, which is comparable with international benchmarks. The trade community can file applications online for various trade related schemes. Online payment of

application fees through Credit/Debit cards and electronic funds transfer from 53 Banks has been put in place.

(vi) Interest Equalization Scheme on pre & post shipment credit launched to provide cheaper credit to exporters.

(vii) Further, 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.

The Government is conducting quarterly quick employment surveys in export-oriented sectors to assess the effect of economic slowdown on employment in India. As per the latest “Quarterly report on changes in employment in selected sectors” released by Ministry of Labour and Employment, employment in the exporting units has increased by 31 thousand at overall level during the period ending September, 2015 over June, 2015.

(c) The total number of items/products covered under the merchandise exports from India Scheme (MEIS) under different notifications are given below:

Notifications	Items covered under MEIS
Apr-15-FTP Announcement	4914
Jul-15- Public Notice 28/2015-2020(42 codes deleted & 30 added)	4902
Oct-15-Public Notice 44/2015-2020 (110 codes added)	5012
Aug-16-Public Notice 26/2015-2020 (1 code added)	5013
Sep-16-Public Notice 32/2015-2020(2901 codes added)	7914

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics

The Government has enhanced the rate of incentives for specified items under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS). Total number of items with enhancement of incentives under the Merchandise Exports from India Scheme through different notifications is given as under:

Notifications	Items with enhancement of incentives
Jul-15- Public Notice 28/2015-2020 (63 codes specifically for Handicraft items)	181
Oct-15-Public Notice 44/2015-2020	2228
May-16-Public Notice 06/2015-2020 (enhancement through merging of markets)	2787
Sep-16-Public Notice 32/2015-2020	575

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics

(d) The Government was providing financial assistance under Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports (ASIDE) Scheme. The details of fund released to States/ UTs under state component of [Assistance to States for Infrastructure Development of Exports](#) (ASIDE) Scheme is enclosed at **Annexure-III**. From FY 2015-16, the ASIDE scheme has been delinked from support of centre, hence no funds were released to States/UTs during F.Y. 2015-16 and 2016-17. The State/UT -wise total exports during last three years are also enclosed at **Annexure-IV**.

(e) The Government has initiated the process of identifying top clusters with potential for exports and high technology products for development in association with the industry and research institutions.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 909 for answer on 21st November 2016.

Principal commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Sep)*	
		Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)
Ac, refrigeration machnry etc			1164.12		1168.33		1048.09		491.28
Accumulators and batteries			170.07		213.06		203.30		109.37
Agro chemicals	KGS	253548348	1923.70	306804711	1951.77	308216900	1965.71	168156964	948.62
Aircraft, spacecraft and parts			4584.96		6158.51		3729.36		1453.04
Alcoholic beverages	LTR	316249241	401.53	269997231	369.59	242095395	310.31	104550062	142.90
Aluminium, products of aluminm	TON	714409	1943.26	1039922	2859.37	1158776	2639.77	699120	1404.92
Animal casings	KGS	266715	4.73	260147	3.18	206361	2.61	99155	1.29
Atm, injctng mlding mchnry etc			1244.20		1344.42		1262.83		608.99
Auto components/parts			3971.76		4438.56		4217.37		2088.00
Auto tyres and tubes	NOS	32966400	1687.52	30706609	1648.11	27905414	1387.25	15548905	723.40
Ayush and herbal products	KGS	76720120	366.99	92059222	354.68	95883487	364.00	46723231	196.42
Bicycle and parts			348.66		354.16		298.44		144.24
Books, publications and prntng			306.19		265.66		285.48		149.82
Buffalo meat	TON	1365643	4350.38	1503512	4781.18	1314222	4069.08	629225	1842.89
Bulk drugs, drug intermediates	KGS	305675878	3610.81	368351895	3561.39	351596651	3597.28	160461851	1674.89
Bulk minerals and ores			460.64		443.94		550.51		180.69
Carpet(excl. Silk) handmade	SQM	85475234	1175.76	79364754	1358.16	101010010	1437.60	53285761	709.21
Cashew	TON	120737	842.32	134571	909.26	103134	768.55	37332	322.50
Cashew nut shell liquid	KGS	9480277	6.35	10937593	9.10	11677255	8.83	6607193	3.82
Castor oil	KGS	544795658	725.70	566463638	770.49	586778439	705.20	308958156	322.02
Ceramics and allied products			633.73		925.89		990.21		581.02
Cereal preparations	TON	319554	471.32	313672	496.41	316542	513.03	168515	267.25
Cmnt, clinkr and asbstos cmnt	TON	5353155	312.27	6495546	378.31	6401189	335.62	2959199	168.81
Coal,coke and briquittes etc	TON	2341357	208.14	1343009	136.51	1724297	160.45	447566	44.43
Cocoa products	KGS	16229240	93.97	33365203	138.87	32652557	193.31	12967261	88.40
Coffee	KGS	253902132	798.83	463554263	814.02	255744047	783.87	158285390	423.39
Coir and coir manufactures			229.86		282.19		261.59		140.94

Computer hardware, peripherals			387.43		346.44		358.18		137.71
Consumer electronics			834.59		808.01		651.48		293.76

Principal commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Sep)*	
		Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)
Copper and prdcts made of copr	TON	341065	2855.11	468979	3420.30	424484	2539.74	204711	1122.82
Cosmetics and toiletries			1325.90		1404.01		1356.58		707.37
Cotton fabrics, madeups etc.			5118.64		5516.41		5266.17		2585.46
Cotton raw incld. Waste	TON	1947686	3637.72	1142528	1900.19	1347073	1938.66	210034	308.32
Cotton yarn	TON	1310879	4550.41	1272374	3937.41	1307109	3608.12	515324	1464.71
Cranes, lifts and winches			309.72		341.79		423.63		209.25
Dairy products	KGS	199090158	727.54	104170981	355.83	77517554	256.93	40687842	114.34
Drug formulations, biologicals	KGS	353762206	10669.39	414637056	11215.86	375138871	12647.84	215185077	6327.49
Dye intermediates	KGS	137915055	248.15	103619918	239.85	96371407	181.14	34621149	87.71
Dyes	KGS	336104089	1904.74	344420382	2129.98	361103485	1873.95	202554881	970.28
Electric machinery and equipme			3683.15		3974.04		3689.51		2206.09
Electrodes	KGS	14010984	37.89	16568324	38.60	17701090	42.53	9861623	21.40
Electronics components			1819.44		1880.46		1842.05		904.61
Electronics instruments			1536.61		1900.92		1962.80		959.70
Essential oils	KGS	4196116	71.01	4572360	90.17	5221753	115.44	2597748	51.15
Fertilizers crude	TON	10642	6.42	10952	7.75	25078	11.83	10366	4.45
Fertilizers manufactured	TON	137374	75.40	164707	82.54	234746	91.70	78178	21.10
Finished leather	KGS	67163410	1285.15	64503936	1331.24	51661459	1049.26	23031148	453.18
Floor cvrng of jute	SQM	16468566	63.60	7808248	39.09	6257361	34.00	2704693	19.65
Floricttr products	KGS	22179796	75.31	22949266	75.40	22691645	73.80	12677411	41.94
Footwear of leather			2025.73		2279.00		2148.41		1095.57
Footwear of rubber/canvas etc.			201.56		307.20		308.15		173.55
Fresh fruits	TON	525178	608.99	539227	516.26	654659	635.49	296482	278.55
Fresh vegetables	TON	2288300	886.14	2081802	763.24	2104359	799.93	1343651	353.67
Fruits / vegetable seeds	KGS	19338582	68.80	12499306	69.96	13104108	80.89	3697366	41.45
Glass and glassware			658.43		718.49		721.19		355.30
Gold	KGS	72006	3086.46	70819	2845.15	150752	5573.54	67581	2751.90
Gold and oth prec metl jwlery			10801.38		13242.41		10958.01		6620.41

Granit, natrl stone and product	KGS	4.6142E+10	1996.11	13754348168	2019.82	11946973813	1832.35	6349605680	919.19
Graphite, explsvs and accesor	KGS	31527989	70.08	29924279	68.46	29348644	66.49	15647433	39.64
Groundnut	TON	509751	525.68	788312	760.37	542730	620.36	220385	286.24
Guergam meal	TON	601973	1979.70	665109	1551.87	325251	496.57	164239	180.61
Handerfs(excl.handmade crpts)			1499.28		1378.04		1637.67		1066.81

Principal commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Sep)*	
		Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)
Handloom products			373.02		369.55		368.52		181.77
Hnd tool, cttng tool of metals			711.13		755.70		640.60		330.16
Human hair, products thereo	KGS	3833676	384.01	3869268	336.37	4379731	301.15	2091034	141.17
Ic engines and parts			1770.36		2397.98		2106.23		1101.76
Incl. Machnry for dairy etc			4276.28		4769.28		4641.95		2199.14
Inorganic chemicals	KGS	963152592	721.27	951147572	683.59	1025097492	628.20	627382794	323.24
Iron and steel	TON	12918438	9223.70	11148889	8684.40	7570231	5492.75	5806579	3286.12
Iron ore	TON	16301238	1557.63	7490012	526.50	5444485	191.46	9770313	479.34
Jute hessian			141.70		126.00		125.54		68.00
Jute yarn	TON	24963	23.46	23567	22.64	16930	18.34	2507	3.38
Jute, raw	TON	44016	18.81	37390	19.41	25107	17.18	7558	5.19
Lead and products made of led	TON	80867	194.71	76296	173.20	89390	181.53	30721	62.10
Leather footwear component	KGS	12073115	320.02	13513575	361.94	9603407	285.10	5945388	152.03
Leather garments	KGS	7931870	591.81	8186533	604.58	7770027	553.98	4039127	288.65
Leather goods			1350.06		1453.19		1370.84		667.93
Machine tools			334.92		376.89		392.35		236.16
Manmade staple fibre	KGS	360841014	597.81	408302089	551.59	380821307	540.41	209882334	276.07
Manmade yarn,fabrics,madeups			5183.66		5275.03		4621.63		2249.70
Marine products	KGS	1192882374	5016.63	1231807690	5510.49	978027051	4767.50	493236531	2791.12
Medical and scientific instrum			966.88		1080.28		989.24		547.36
Mica	KGS	127232858	50.73	140447454	56.02	135085574	52.72	67706068	28.04
Milled products	KGS	419263940	166.15	420854413	168.76	431464502	169.12	133157973	60.77
Misc processed items			418.04		453.66		444.28		232.70
Mollases	TON	211653	24.53	247608	31.61	818565	101.00	254490	29.48
Motor vehicle/cars	NOS	1014974	6147.95	1110409	6684.05	1139407	6727.44	561649	3598.00

Moulded and extruded goods			919.34		988.24		1049.22		493.90
Natrl silk yarn,fabrics,madeup			142.94		124.97		84.05		33.67
Natural rubber	TON	10032	27.49	3059	7.06	6142	58.70	1250	1.80
Newsprint	TON	3788	2.49	9642	8.05	5066	2.67	2645	1.47
Nickel, product made of nickel	TON	26448	437.27	47002	897.58	37606	492.88	6520	63.05
Niger seeds	KGS	20841060	18.69	18155893	17.71	14121560	18.99	5842825	7.67

Principal commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Sep)*	
		Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)
Nucler reactr, incl boilr, prt			563.10		603.89		680.77		342.52
Office equipments			30.89		54.77		89.49		54.35
Oil meals	TON	9830212	2796.44	3904589	1324.17	2056364	553.01	814670	206.20
Optical items (incl.lens etc)			293.56		306.34		342.96		181.58
Organic chemicals	KGS	2983389030	5641.33	3021377037	5394.35	3463778000	4859.52	1513397185	2271.91
Oth non ferous metal and prodc	KGS	89651275	416.14	105144331	499.29	91130761	431.88	47101216	216.60
Oth txtl yrn, fbrc mdup artcl			376.05		399.59		335.69		171.74
Other cereals	TON	4926047	1204.16	3515350	869.11	967925	261.18	368308	99.75
Other commodities			6662.47		3500.46		4303.28		1528.76
Other construction machinery			1008.68		1177.40		1077.86		488.82
Other crude minerals	KGS	8334286822	237.02	3532838097	152.26	2785897317	108.02	1197506268	56.55
Other jute manufactures			152.82		109.24		117.47		59.05
Other meat	TON	268	0.55	262	0.44		0.00	67	0.11
Other misc. Engineering items			1585.97		1835.43		1988.33		1057.02
Other miscellaenious chemicals	KGS	256510525	655.13	260437561	742.21	226142516	673.64	127095907	312.75
Other oil seeds	TON	194460	155.18	247540	185.04	204620	147.77	47392	37.02
Other plastic items			420.75		420.29		370.27		170.86
Other precious and base metals			321.55		414.05		447.29		164.41

Other wood and wood products			4.32		2.22		85.88		9.64
Othr rubber prodct excpt footw			964.19		1071.11		922.30		450.84
Packaging materials	TON	175755	453.34	191874	509.93	243516	572.04	145812	324.18
Paint, varnish and allid prod	KGS	364685815	645.93	352337998	669.06	519204979	594.73	421168415	329.73
Paper, paper board and product			1077.21		1182.01		1184.56		656.05
Pearl, precs, semiprecs stones			27160.44		24758.79		22297.26		12658.41
Petroleum products	TON	68735701	63179.37	73107098	56794.15	65387870	30582.72	35491309	14764.04
Plastc sht, film, plts etc	KGS	378612959	1082.64	382892577	1068.79	415178560	1030.51	214671273	506.77
Plastic raw materials	TON	1911202	3045.72	1599773	2508.66	2079528	2491.33	1102647	1257.34
Plywood and allied products			709.11		714.81		777.69		393.21
Poultry products			93.03		106.38		117.42		37.21
Prime mica and mica products	KGS	1175902	19.10	894268	19.51	1047819	17.15	485979	8.78
Processed fruits and juices	KGS	604650075	547.14	588375075	592.26	532279725	574.46	243528060	272.05

Principal commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Sep)*	
		Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)
Processed meat	TON	508	1.29	405	2.29	280	0.96	43	0.17
Processed minerals	KGS	2.1887E+10	1003.64	6569025486	1034.38	6440874679	872.82	3243233344	421.85
Processed vegetables	KGS	132366772	213.05	186036175	281.75	174427424	258.92	92786162	130.79
Products of iron and steel			6780.41		7562.81		6134.95		2801.20
Project goods	KGS	4289109	47.35	7502610	36.59	3784411	25.13	1881736	17.43
Pulp and waste paper	KGS	570575	0.56	10556263	7.92	14070838	11.32	8757792	6.38
Pulses	TON	345657	290.36	222139	199.86	255743	252.11	79541	107.69
Pumps of all types			690.90		773.24		707.18		348.06
Railwy tnsprt equipmnts, prts			178.17		135.35		109.93		78.37
Raw hides and skins			4.91		2.41		0.28		0.20
Residul chemicl and allied prod			3225.39		3490.25		3505.17		1864.17
Rice -basmoti	TON	3754102	4864.89	3698927	4516.28	4045831	3477.98	2067264	1631.70
Rice(other than basmoti)	TON	7136191	2925.16	8302209	3336.84	6464589	2368.64	3368926	1286.99
Rmg cotton incl accessories			9106.74		9282.83		9091.55		4204.52
Rmg manmade fibres			3148.96		3997.13		4181.71		2299.34

Rmg of othr textle matrl			2190.77		2941.65		3184.54		1741.65
Rmg silk			236.55		303.97		244.06		80.13
Rmg wool			307.48		307.75		262.37		123.25
Saddlery and harness	KGS	13509000	145.05	15620202	162.85	14150263	146.47	6949185	71.99
Sesame seeds	KGS	257441092	592.17	375656064	772.27	328455729	459.77	159336220	203.12
Sheep/goat meat	TON	22608	115.37	23614	135.71	21952	128.38	12274	70.18
Shellac	KGS	7743783	84.94	5242539	43.80	6393503	30.90	2355669	13.51
Ship, boat and floating struct			3724.85		5268.36		3088.46		2161.24
Silk carpet	SQM	29476	2.57	21983	2.62	29835	2.60	3246	0.25
Silk waste	KGS	1620001	16.25	1629356	17.86	1563558	13.74	948522	7.22
Silk,raw	KGS	2551	0.04	5989	0.11	8747	0.22	414	0.01
Silver	KGS	34247	18.52	7572	5.68	29945	7.35	16509	5.87
Spices	KGS	895914703	2497.30	939007950	2430.35	831681245	2541.46	474718663	1407.07
Sports goods			236.46		274.50		227.70		145.61
Stationry/office, school supply			226.02		250.07		244.09		126.77
Sugar	TON	2535313	1177.11	1955191	871.41	3844445	1490.52	1392973	645.47

Principal commodity	Unit	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Sep)*	
		Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)	Exported Quantity	Export Value (US\$ Millions)
Sulpher, unroasted iron pyrite	TON	577782	66.26	397768	60.57	628376	78.93	344295	27.97
Surgicals			302.35		299.57		302.88		159.06
Tea	KGS	249907552	798.79	234388703	681.79	245701979	720.03	122486868	340.73
Telecom instruments			3056.97		1073.26		875.72		500.87
Tin and products made of tin	TON	3345	80.39	1660	37.73	3654	57.22	200	2.91
Tobacco manufactured			222.32		278.61		316.68		161.97
Tobacco unmanufactured	KGS	237106036	789.07	219572233	680.01	215316959	665.33	100096513	307.15
Two and three wheelers	NOS	2110443	1521.47	2594255	1864.34	2531370	1777.84	1177357	791.31
Vegetable oils	TON	22959	53.22	423717	94.56	30604	79.93	26425	50.12
Wheat	TON	5572025	1569.08	2924053	828.75	666675	164.22	168262	41.25
Wollen yarn,fabrics,made upsetc			180.72		201.85		196.44		85.49
Wool, raw	KGS	54990	0.20	19022	0.04	84816	0.44	76635	0.16
Zinc and products made of zinc	TON	194978	435.39	246388	608.06	257627	527.07	55031	125.18

India's Total Exports	314415.73	310352.01	262290.13	132033.39
-----------------------	-----------	-----------	-----------	-----------

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (* Provisional)

Annexure-II

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 909 for answer on 21st November 2016.

Country	Export Value (US\$ Millions)			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr- Sep)*
AFGHANISTAN	474.35	422.56	526.60	253.44
ALBANIA	18.73	19.42	24.04	14.43
ALGERIA	1069.56	1063.73	787.81	405.06
AMERI SAMOA	0.05	0.19	0.16	0.05
ANDORRA	0.12	0.26	0.12	0.10
ANGOLA	536.05	552.64	223.19	59.05
ANGUILLA	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.01
ANTARTICA	0.06	0.00	0.00	
ANTIGUA	2.19	2.07	2.56	0.99
ARGENTINA	611.51	460.21	536.50	261.73
ARMENIA	72.47	91.47	22.78	17.75
ARUBA	3.33	3.88	6.92	4.02
AUSTRALIA	2300.35	2782.13	3263.11	1473.46
AUSTRIA	336.49	363.10	339.83	195.55
AZERBAIJAN	123.89	110.42	33.38	11.49
BAHAMAS	228.03	123.50	11.96	2.78
BAHARAIN IS	639.38	472.98	654.14	258.14
BANGLADESH PR	6167.22	6449.90	6034.95	2934.42
BARBADOS	6.44	10.19	10.50	6.05

BELARUS	53.34	48.16	35.70	18.36
BELGIUM	6377.56	5519.64	5027.65	2663.88
BELIZE	22.46	24.49	14.51	7.61
BENIN	764.00	497.95	427.30	280.66
BERMUDA	2.59	2.73	2.59	1.61
BHUTAN	355.61	333.94	468.95	246.41
BOLIVIA	53.19	70.84	74.43	36.91
BOSNIA-HRZGOVIN	11.57	17.88	19.70	6.21
BOTSWANA	54.44	44.46	52.38	36.43
BR VIRGN IS	0.39	0.66	0.84	0.33
BRAZIL	5552.71	5963.82	2650.34	1204.64
BRUNEI	32.45	41.99	28.45	20.42
BULGARIA	168.11	266.45	145.53	162.69
BURKINA FASO	103.22	112.76	108.79	56.43
BURUNDI	30.76	31.44	29.06	16.32
C AFRI REP	7.73	7.76	9.17	5.68
CAMBODIA	141.32	142.53	143.01	45.30
CAMEROON	259.67	249.13	190.99	63.79
CANADA	2037.43	2196.02	2018.42	989.24
CANARY IS	0.00	0.02	0.00	
CAPE VERDE IS	1.43	4.12	1.43	0.54
	Export Value (US\$ Millions)			
Country	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr- Sep)*
CAYMAN IS	3.15	6.75	3.54	2.29
CHAD	33.02	40.69	43.49	19.27
CHANNEL IS	0.02	0.00	0.00	
CHILE	664.02	565.82	679.32	320.85
CHINA P RP	14867.57	11957.08	9013.54	4014.14
CHRISTMAS IS.	0.01	0.01	0.03	
COCOS IS	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
COLOMBIA	1007.54	1105.15	888.11	382.96
COMOROS	13.70	17.76	17.01	10.68
CONGO D. REP.	181.46	254.16	317.63	106.99
CONGO P REP	210.32	252.89	166.66	78.15
COOK IS	0.09	0.32	0.05	0.12
COSTA RICA	81.09	95.84	134.76	76.61
COTE D'IVOIRE	298.96	309.75	397.04	166.28
CROATIA	139.15	176.39	112.44	58.49
CUBA	35.53	37.32	54.31	18.74
CYPRUS	61.57	51.11	59.80	48.69
CZECH REPUBLIC	387.09	378.56	488.53	356.59
DENMARK	761.81	724.38	688.85	336.51
DJIBOUTI	307.05	237.96	204.55	157.92
DOMINIC REP	125.71	140.91	175.11	108.73

DOMINICA	2.41	2.53	1.47	1.51
EAST TIMOR	2.19	3.24	0.00	
ECUADOR	290.40	225.04	153.20	83.24
EGYPT A RP	2562.29	3025.60	2337.65	1086.60
EL SALVADOR	65.11	61.48	68.54	30.72
EQUTL GUINEA	17.24	15.01	17.53	5.73
ERITREA	16.45	14.06	6.45	1.57
ESTONIA	79.13	68.09	63.68	47.01
ETHIOPIA	816.94	783.13	793.62	439.16
FALKLAND IS	0.00	0.00	0.00	
FAROE IS.	3.08	2.62	1.75	0.53
FIJI IS	48.74	49.75	44.15	30.24
FINLAND	415.74	330.60	248.57	127.68
FR GUIANA	36.68	59.04	1.17	0.88
FR POLYNESIA	2.80	3.07	3.81	2.05
FR S ANT TR	0.00	0.00	0.06	
FRANCE	5108.94	4957.25	4633.73	2464.22
GABON	52.59	42.70	36.82	23.16
GAMBIA	85.14	73.53	59.54	25.14

Country	Export Value (US\$ Millions)			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr- Sep)*
GEORGIA	91.29	86.67	82.57	54.48
GERMANY	7522.99	7539.79	7094.57	3514.46
GHANA	831.51	680.39	623.73	388.33
GIBRALTAR	97.61	637.83	1182.88	846.92
GREECE	335.15	360.84	335.72	174.78
GREENLAND	1.73	1.13	8.81	0.00
GRENADA	1.46	1.34	1.87	1.72
GUADELOUPE	6.53	4.17	2.87	2.48
GUAM	0.28	0.41	0.38	0.25
GUATEMALA	212.37	229.01	255.97	120.56
GUINEA	203.42	283.81	278.57	183.00
GUINEA BISSAU	19.02	9.76	14.47	7.73
GUYANA	24.19	24.41	21.87	8.49
HAITI	59.21	85.45	62.27	32.59
HEARD MACDONALD	0.03	0.06	0.00	
HONDURAS	107.90	187.56	155.05	70.63
HONG KONG	12732.37	13599.88	12092.21	6967.62

HUNGARY	343.63	349.26	345.13	201.61
ICELAND	19.89	19.93	18.55	11.98
INDONESIA	4850.37	4043.32	2819.55	1512.46
INSTALLATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS	0.00	0.00	7.11	37.01
IRAN	4972.15	4175.11	2781.52	1247.60
IRAQ	918.08	829.32	1004.39	511.82
IRELAND	414.40	759.74	526.12	238.79
ISRAEL	3747.06	3289.87	2821.23	1482.33
ITALY	5273.69	5093.23	4218.20	2229.09
JAMAICA	36.22	37.80	40.21	22.77
JAPAN	6814.64	5385.87	4662.91	1859.77
JORDAN	1595.99	1431.11	499.76	207.41
KAZAKHSTAN	261.52	250.68	151.91	56.00
KENYA	3882.29	4117.93	3025.85	1052.98
KIRIBATI REP	0.94	1.00	0.94	0.41
KOREA DP RP	186.80	76.52	110.88	24.56
KOREA RP	4209.52	4604.19	3523.72	1865.93
KUWAIT	1061.18	1198.89	1247.51	721.66
KYRGHYZSTAN	34.54	37.76	25.11	14.70
LAO PD RP	49.90	67.31	37.94	14.48
LATVIA	102.08	98.12	79.50	44.27
LEBANON	293.53	279.66	239.55	100.34
LESOTHO	31.01	38.22	30.06	16.51

Country	Export Value (US\$ Millions)			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr- Sep)*
LIBERIA	253.68	206.53	133.88	84.32
LIBYA	287.20	163.74	122.58	70.04
LIECHTENSTEIN	0.32	0.19	0.82	0.29
LITHUANIA	104.94	103.23	88.09	41.44
LUXEMBOURG	11.74	9.59	8.07	6.23
MACAO	1.62	2.43	1.97	1.03
MACEDONIA	10.79	14.51	12.87	6.72
MADAGASCAR	238.72	167.19	197.04	76.39
MALAWI	221.06	214.02	176.13	79.50
MALAYSIA	4198.18	5816.65	3706.91	2134.97
MALDIVES	106.08	152.38	179.04	88.93
MALI	108.79	134.12	107.93	49.35
MALTA	167.91	327.59	325.03	59.57
MARSHALL ISLAND	1.18	0.12	101.91	0.07

MARTINIQUE	7.68	6.15	4.44	2.73
MAURITANIA	58.02	58.94	58.35	33.67
MAURITIUS	1000.22	1909.55	855.73	409.11
MEXICO	2227.67	2861.68	2865.16	1665.83
MICRONESIA	0.57	0.23	0.36	0.10
MOLDOVA	10.47	8.79	7.81	3.41
MONACO	0.31	0.87	1.05	0.89
MONGOLIA	15.53	7.92	8.44	4.28
MONTENEGRO	30.57	42.31	26.19	16.56
MONTSERRAT	0.07	0.33	0.96	0.35
MOROCCO	385.62	326.31	342.19	176.08
MOZAMBIQUE	1257.30	2070.84	1241.99	502.31
MYANMAR	787.06	773.24	1070.65	448.51
N. MARIANA IS.	0.06	0.08	0.56	0.01
NAMIBIA	212.39	107.82	73.62	37.08
NAURU RP	0.17	0.02	0.01	0.00
NEPAL	3592.43	4573.89	3930.09	2258.44
NETHERLAND	7997.83	6327.22	4727.38	2456.44
NETHERLANDANTIL	68.51	40.94	37.25	21.73
NEW CALEDONIA	8.80	10.77	4.68	3.65
NEW ZEALAND	276.69	322.10	308.04	155.59
NICARAGUA	59.23	65.51	82.54	49.59
NIGER	86.31	78.22	80.16	38.63
NIGERIA	2667.83	2681.37	2221.90	847.47
NIUE IS	0.01	0.00	0.04	
NORFOLK IS	1.36	0.06	0.33	0.28

Country	Export Value (US\$ Millions)			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr- Sep)*
NORWAY	229.09	263.41	541.63	122.27
OMAN	2812.34	2379.44	2190.79	1185.03
PACIFIC IS	0.02	0.00	0.00	
PAKISTAN IR	2274.40	1857.29	2171.16	763.41
PALAU	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.02
PANAMA C Z	0.36	0.07	0.16	0.00
PANAMA REPUBLIC	211.41	302.40	201.41	113.65
PAPUA N GNA	43.96	52.19	39.45	20.26
PARAGUAY	88.91	106.48	98.22	60.18
PERU	620.57	819.86	703.12	356.13
PHILIPPINES	1419.06	1395.58	1374.23	719.40

PITCAIRN IS.	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.07
POLAND	995.56	1050.82	1025.30	577.92
PORTUGAL	627.06	636.46	589.64	311.38
PUERTO RICO	90.84	99.02	115.00	61.76
QATAR	969.08	1054.98	902.04	379.21
REUNION	52.39	48.76	42.70	19.49
ROMANIA	286.39	416.79	255.74	131.46
RUSSIA	2121.33	2097.01	1587.81	932.70
RWANDA	87.56	149.27	106.08	50.35
SAHARWI A.DM RP	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00
SAMOA	4.30	2.48	2.22	0.88
SAN MARINO	0.00	0.05	0.26	0.04
SAO TOME	0.92	1.47	0.93	0.27
SAUDI ARAB	12219.35	11162.55	6394.48	2679.85
SENEGAL	426.50	518.75	545.84	334.05
SERBIA	31.52	42.39	43.34	26.05
SERBIA MONTNGRO	30.16	6.68	0.15	0.22
SEYCHELLES	52.72	32.56	34.14	18.13
SIERRA LEONE	101.00	80.40	91.17	37.80
SINGAPORE	12511.19	9809.53	7719.97	4018.57
SLOVAK REP	104.43	136.90	137.51	75.50
SLOVENIA	212.26	245.77	265.00	136.00
SOLOMON IS	2.06	5.22	2.71	1.54
SOMALIA	210.90	352.81	486.60	243.88
SOUTH AFRICA	5074.43	5302.00	3588.75	1614.56
SPAIN	2885.15	3148.38	3237.46	1643.78
SRI LANKA DSR	4534.51	6703.72	5309.53	1849.23
ST HELENA	0.03	0.21	0.16	0.00
ST KITT N A	1.22	1.25	2.20	1.72

Country	Export Value (US\$ Millions)			
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (Apr- Sep)*
ST LUCIA	2.28	2.13	2.67	2.01
ST PIERRE	0.03	0.00	0.00	
ST VINCENT	1.84	0.76	0.55	0.53
SUDAN	863.07	882.47	782.35	417.00
SURINAME	24.18	17.62	12.86	5.55
SWAZILAND	22.81	39.94	59.90	16.43
SWEDEN	733.47	740.47	683.64	364.41
SWITZERLAND	1797.30	1069.09	977.21	402.24
SYRIA	234.11	187.89	136.83	52.02
TAIWAN	1989.94	2181.66	1428.81	836.62
TAJKISTAN	54.27	53.71	22.26	9.39
TANZANIA REP	3400.88	2484.61	1654.64	969.63
THAILAND	3703.39	3464.83	2987.86	1399.44
TIMOR-LESTE	0.00	0.00	3.42	0.45
TOGO	443.94	688.42	532.19	189.93
TOKELAU IS	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.03
TONGA	1.04	0.92	1.12	0.53
TRINIDAD	104.83	165.48	92.88	41.61
TUNISIA	274.11	249.83	222.37	129.17
TURKEY	4433.93	5358.92	4140.01	2288.05
TURKMENISTAN	73.63	91.98	68.53	32.94
TURKS C IS	0.41	0.15	0.16	0.40
TUVALU	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.06
U ARAB EMTS	30521.56	33028.08	30290.01	15903.12
U K	9822.05	9354.21	8858.00	4408.56
U S A	39159.25	42464.22	40339.85	20973.98
UGANDA	530.63	553.93	569.94	238.98
UKRAINE	481.34	349.03	259.12	142.89
UNSPECIFIED	11428.49	4073.74	2414.29	1305.88
URUGUAY	160.99	208.32	152.81	76.33
US MINOR OUTLYING ISLANDS	0.00	0.68	0.17	0.74
UZBEKISTAN	114.07	170.44	94.64	42.36
VANUATU REP	2.78	1.86	2.01	1.08
VATICAN CITY	0.00	0.12	0.05	
VENEZUELA	196.96	258.07	130.66	33.29
VIETNAM SOC REP	5442.13	6257.88	5266.15	2772.41
VIRGIN IS US	3.90	4.83	4.23	1.11
WALLIS F IS	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.01
YEMEN REPubLC	1307.04	992.13	399.79	215.83
ZAMBIA	377.31	366.59	298.11	134.50
ZIMBABWE	158.06	223.96	205.08	59.87

India' Total Exports	314415.73	310352.01	262290.13	132031.67
----------------------	-----------	-----------	-----------	-----------

source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistic (DGCIS), Kolkata

Annexure-III

Statement referred to in reply of part (d) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 909 for answer on 21st November 2016.

Details of fund released to States/ UTs under State Component of ASIDE Scheme (Rs. in crore)

S.No.	Name of the Stats/UT	Released during 2013-14	Released during 2014-15
1	Andhra Pradesh	39.09	20.38
2	Telangana	0	20.38
3	Maharashtra	64	64
4	Haryana	21.26	23.26
5	Karnataka	45.77	45.77
6	Kerala	20.94	20.94
7	Uttar Pradesh	46.24	50.04
8	West Bengal	31.53	0
9	Punjab	14.28	15.98
10	Rajasthan	21.58	22.14
11	Orissa	18	18
12	Himachal Pradesh	5.27	5.27
13	Gujarat	64	64
14	Madhya Pradesh	19.4	19.4
15	Tamil Nadu	60.66	62.18
16	Assam	48.84	48.84
17	Manipur	4.56	4.56
18	Meghalaya	11.61	11.61
19	Mizoram	4.3	4.3
20	Nagaland	3.63	3.63
21	Sikkim	2.7	2.7
22	Tripura	10.25	10.25
23	Chhattisgarh	5.84	5.84
24	Goa	6.12	0
25	Jharkhand	6.29	6.29
26	Arunachal Pradesh	0	3.53
27	Bihar	14.51	0
28	Uttarakhand	0	0
29	Jammu & Kashmir	0	0
30	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0
31	Daman & Diu	0	0
32	Delhi	0	0
33	Chandigarh	0	0

34	Lakshadweep	0	0
35	Pondichery	0	0
36	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
	Total	590.67	553.29

* From FY 2015-16, the ASIDE scheme has been delinked from support of centre, hence no funds were released to States/UTs during F.Y. 2015-16 and 2016-17.

Annexure-IV

Statement referred to in reply of part (d) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 909 for answer on 21st November 2016.

State-wise Exports (in Rs. Crore)

STATE	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Andaman & Nicobar	58.64	46.28	75.85
Andhra pradesh	93860.34	97162.41	79492.31
Arunachal pradesh	4.60	39.11	43.28
Assam	2465.65	2089.15	2599.32
Bihar	5761.69	6310.93	3543.26
Chandigarh	596.90	587.13	685.69
Chattishgarh	7701.68	7230.06	3731.82
Dadra & nagar haveli	10551.21	10684.77	9944.01
Daman & diu	3889.90	3960.65	4845.96
Delhi	55894.42	61273.79	60835.11
Goa	9305.74	9784.85	10531.69
Gujarat	444477.75	364313.56	326131.02
Haryana	64477.46	69061.76	67682.88
Himachal pradesh	5003.10	5486.94	5850.88
Jammu & kashmir	1043.33	939.63	816.09
Jharkhand	3710.53	3358.41	3128.95
Karnataka	107592.68	144410.59	125863.84
Kerala	25923.50	25440.53	28651.54
Lakshadweep	5.01	2.76	3.21
Madhya pradesh	26463.25	25301.01	25980.41
Maharashtra	434591.04	445349.65	435588.92
Manipur	2.64	1.17	1.04
Meghalaya	579.28	523.98	665.14
Mizoram	0.56	1.71	9.04
Nagaland	19.42	10.00	28.31
Orissa	24233.76	20460.88	19082.10
Pondicherry	1882.61	2076.02	2355.57
Punjab	42729.58	41425.70	36682.63
Rajasthan	35786.70	37250.97	34326.83
Sikkim	14.33	23.69	19.29
Tamil nadu	163008.74	168001.34	167296.57
Tripura	7.98	35.77	8.12
Uttar pradesh	80523.45	85034.43	81218.17
Uttaranchal	6781.78	8509.48	7947.59
West bengal	63731.95	55884.87	48831.85
Telangana		13431.63	35439.24
Unspecified	182329.90	182336.26	86440.52
India's Total Exports	1905011.09	1897841.87	1716378.05

Source: Department of Commerce

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 919
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st NOVEMBER, 2016

BRICS TRADE FAIR

919. DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:
KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

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

- (a) whether a trade fair of the BRICS countries was held recently at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof indicating the names of the BRICS countries along with the number of companies participated in this fair;
- (c) whether the said fair has resulted in demand of Indian products in BRICS countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the revenue earned by the Indian Companies as a result thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to organize such fairs on regular basis so as to popularise and encourage Indian products?

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 1st BRICS Trade Fair was organized at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi from 12-14 October 2016.
- (b) to (d): The BRICS Trade Fair was completely an interactive business engagement and was organized with an objective to promote trade and investment opportunities amongst the participating BRICS nations i.e. Brazil,

Russia, India, China and South Africa. 397 companies participated at the BRICS Trade Fair to showcase the capability of each of the BRICS nations in the identified sectors. About 910 companies participated at various BRICS business engagements and nearly 1601 Business-to-Business (B2B) Meetings took place over three days. The BRICS Trade Fairs, like the other business to business International Trade Fairs was a unique platform for showcasing technologies, goods and services, exploring opportunities for businesses and entering into dialogues and discussions for joint venture partnerships and collaborations. As the BRICS Trade Fair was not a direct consumer fair allowing sales of merchandise, the immediate revenue earned by participating Indian Companies cannot be quantified.

- (e) India organised the 1st BRICS Trade Fair during its Presidency pursuant to the announcement made by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India during the BRICS Summit at Ufa, in 2015. The Presidency of BRICS will move to China in 2017 and they would need to take a decision on the organisation of the next BRICS Trade Fair.
