

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 353
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2022

FOREIGN TRADE OF INDIA

353. DR. SASMIT PATRA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the foreign trade of India over the last five years, category-wise and year-wise details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for the increase or decrease in the foreign trade of India;
- (c) the names of Most Favored Nations (MFNs) with regard to India's foreign trade and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the criteria for providing MFN status to these countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) & (b): The value of export and import of major commodities for last five years are given at **Annexure-1 and Annexure-II respectively**. Export and import depend upon domestic/international demand and supply, prices of commodities in the domestic and international markets and also consumer preferences.
- (c) & (d): India, as a Member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), extends Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to all other Members of the WTO, except Pakistan. MFN benefits for trade in goods imply any advantage, favour, privilege or immunity with respect of customs duties and charges as well as the rules and formalities in connection with importation and exportation, or internal taxes or regulations, granted by India to any product originating from a WTO Member country, shall be accorded immediately and unconditionally to the like product originating in all other WTO Member countries. Members can deviate from the MFN rules following certain exceptions including the Security Exceptions allowed under the WTO Agreement.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) & (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 353 for answer on 04th February 2022

Value of export of major commodities from 2015-16 to 2020-21

(Value in US\$ million)

Sr. No	Major Commodity	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Engineering Goods	67,216	78,696	83,622	78,704	76,720
2	Gems & Jewellery	43,413	41,544	40,251	35,899	26,023
3	Petroleum Products	31,545	37,465	46,554	41,289	25,804
4	Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	16,785	17,283	19,147	20,704	24,444
5	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	14,477	18,509	22,379	22,083	22,089
6	RMG of all Textiles	17,368	16,707	16,138	15,488	12,272
7	Electronic Goods	5,963	6,393	8,829	11,701	11,093
8	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc.	9,862	10,260	11,215	10,028	9,828
9	Rice	5,734	7,806	7,751	6,403	8,829
10	Plastic & Linoleum	5,797	6,851	8,608	7,552	7,463
11	Marine Products	5,903	7,389	6,803	6,722	5,962
12	Iron Ore	1,534	1,471	1,317	2,625	4,897
13	Mica, Coal & Other Ores, Minerals including processed minerals	3,578	3,777	4,255	3,948	4,332
14	Spices	2,852	3,115	3,322	3,621	3,984
15	Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.	4,557	4,826	4,981	4,821	3,806
16	Meat, dairy & poultry products	4,369	4,610	4,364	3,714	3,658
17	Leather & leather products	5,166	5,289	5,141	4,659	3,301
18	Ceramic products & glassware	1,857	2,132	2,649	2,871	3,051
19	Fruits & Vegetables	2,455	2,513	2,541	2,381	2,613
20	Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items	1,271	1,417	1,555	1,527	1,860
21	Handicrafts excl. hand made carpet	1,927	1,823	1,838	1,798	1,708
22	Oil Meals	805	1,093	1,509	828	1,585
23	Carpet	1,490	1,430	1,482	1,373	1,491
24	Oil seeds	1,355	1,174	1,157	1,318	1,236
25	Tobacco	959	934	981	905	877
26	Tea	731	837	831	827	756
27	Coffee	843	969	822	739	720
28	Other cereals	212	249	349	205	705
29	Cashew	787	922	654	567	420
30	Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering	310	335	325	343	371
31	Others	14,733	15,705	18,709	17,721	19,911
	Total Export	2,75,852	3,03,526	3,30,078	3,13,361	2,91,809

Source: DGCI&S

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Value of import of major commodities from 2015-16 to 2020-21

(Value in US\$ million)

Sr. No	Major Commodity	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Petroleum, Crude & products	86,458	1,08,659	1,40,921	1,30,550	82,684
2	Electronic goods	43,232	52,891	57,377	54,398	54,288
3	Gold	27,439	33,657	32,910	28,230	34,604
4	Machinery, electrical & non-electrical	27,968	32,909	37,852	37,692	30,085
5	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	16,442	20,632	23,828	20,617	19,825
6	Pearls, precious & Semi-precious stones	24,152	34,279	27,076	22,459	18,888
7	Transport equipment	15,240	22,733	24,776	25,285	18,649
8	Coal, Coke & Briquettes, etc.	15,236	22,901	26,178	22,455	16,275
9	Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc.	11,989	14,488	15,682	14,634	13,510
10	Iron & Steel	11,672	14,618	17,657	15,369	12,036
11	Non-ferrous metals	9,899	12,812	14,733	13,139	11,717
12	Vegetable Oil	10,893	11,638	9,890	9,673	11,089
13	Chemical material & products	5,432	6,663	7,708	7,643	8,441
14	Fertilisers, Crude & manufactured	5,023	5,376	7,467	7,468	7,597
15	Medcni. & Pharmaceutical products	5,035	5,481	6,360	6,460	6,975
16	Metaliferrous ores & other minerals	6,116	9,097	7,583	5,089	4,626
17	Professional instrument, Optical goods, etc.	3,824	4,755	5,187	5,024	4,528
18	Wood & Wood products	4,891	6,027	6,127	5,612	4,450
19	Machine tools	3,047	3,520	4,643	4,193	3,170
20	Dyeing/tanning/colouring mtrls.	2,281	2,888	3,222	2,906	2,734
21	Fruits & vegetables	1,760	2,093	2,144	2,221	2,273
22	Pulses	4,250	2,908	1,141	1,440	1,612
23	Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles	1,500	1,837	1,900	1,922	1,502
24	Project goods	2,091	2,078	2,376	2,026	1,499
25	Pulp and Waste paper	975	1,155	1,312	1,143	851
26	Silver	1,831	3,214	3,748	2,728	790
27	Leather & leather products	931	1,009	1,058	1,014	580
28	Cotton Raw & Waste	946	979	633	1,328	386
29	Newsprint	851	777	978	701	294
30	Sulphur & Unroasted Iron Pyrts	129	166	217	118	150
31	Others	28,834	23,345	21,397	21,172	18,330
	Total Import	3,80,368	4,65,581	5,14,078	4,74,709	3,94,436

Source: DGCIS
