

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*324
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st MARCH, 2023

STATUS OF IMPORTS

***324#. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:**

Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of imports in the country;
- (b) whether it is a fact that there is a consistent surge in imports in the country;
- (c) the details of imports during the last three years; and
- (d) the details of the steps taken by Government to reduce imports?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 324 FOR ANSWER ON 31ST MARCH, 2023 REGARDING “STATUS OF IMPORTS”.

(a) to (c): The value of overall (merchandise plus services) import in the last three years are as follows:

(Value in US\$ billion)

| Years | Import |
|--------------|---------------|
| 2019-20 | 603 |
| 2020-21 | 512 |
| 2021-22 | 760 |

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata and RBI

The geopolitical conflict in different parts including the lingering Russia-Ukraine conflict has led to rise in commodity prices. Owing to India’s traditional dependence on import of energy products, fertilizer etc., there has been larger import in value terms of items like Petroleum, Coal and Coke, fertilizer, etc. Commensurate to this increase in imports, export have also increased to US\$ 677 billion in 2021-22 and is estimated to cross US\$ 750 billion in the current year. The sector-wise details of imports (merchandise) for last three years are annexed.

(d): Government has taken several steps to reduce imports. These include creating/enhancing domestic capacity, incentivizing domestic manufacturing through Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, phased manufacturing plans, timely use of trade remedy options, adoption of mandatory technical standards, enforcement of FTA Rules of Origin (RoO) and development of import monitoring system. In addition, anti dumping duties have been imposed on products where injury to domestic industry have been established.

Statement referred to in reply of parts (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha starred question no. 324 for answer on 31st March 2023

Sector-wise details of merchandise imports during last three years

(Value in US\$ million)

| S. No | Sector | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Petroleum, Crude and products | 130550 | 82684 | 161810 |
| 2 | Electronic goods | 54398 | 54288 | 73674 |
| 3 | Coal, Coke and Briquettes, etc. | 22455 | 16275 | 31718 |
| 4 | Machinery, electrical and non-electrical | 37692 | 30084 | 39943 |
| 5 | Gold | 28230 | 34604 | 46166 |
| 6 | Organic and Inorganic Chemicals | 20617 | 19825 | 30292 |
| 7 | Pearls, precious and Semi-precious stones | 22459 | 18888 | 31008 |
| 8 | Transport equipment | 25285 | 18649 | 20852 |
| 9 | Artificial resins, plastic materials, etc. | 14634 | 13510 | 20231 |
| 10 | Iron and Steel | 15369 | 12036 | 17303 |
| 11 | Vegetable Oil | 9673 | 11089 | 18992 |
| 12 | Non-ferrous metals | 13139 | 11717 | 17602 |
| 13 | Fertilisers, Crude and manufactured | 7468 | 7597 | 14170 |
| 14 | Chemical material and products | 7643 | 8441 | 11148 |
| 15 | Metaliferrous ores and other minerals | 5089 | 4626 | 8950 |
| 16 | Medcnl. and Pharmaceutical products | 6460 | 6975 | 9072 |
| 17 | Wood and Wood products | 5612 | 4450 | 6136 |
| 18 | Professional instrument, Optical goods, etc. | 5024 | 4528 | 6373 |
| 19 | Silver | 2728 | 790 | 3276 |
| 20 | Machine tools | 4193 | 3170 | 4239 |
| 21 | Dyeing/tanning/colouring | 2906 | 2734 | 3960 |
| 22 | Fruits and vegetables | 2221 | 2273 | 2641 |
| 23 | Textile yarn Fabric, made-up articles | 1922 | 1502 | 2065 |
| 24 | Pulp and Waste paper | 1143 | 851 | 1601 |
| 25 | Pulses | 1440 | 1612 | 2229 |
| 26 | Project goods | 2026 | 1499 | 1356 |
| 27 | Cotton Raw and Waste | 1328 | 386 | 560 |
| 28 | Leather and leather products | 1014 | 580 | 819 |
| 29 | Newsprint | 701 | 294 | 345 |
| 30 | Sulphur and Unroasted Iron Pyrts | 118 | 150 | 475 |
| 31 | Others | 21172 | 18330 | 24047 |
| India's total import | | 4,74,709 | 3,94,436 | 6,13,052 |

Source: DGCI&S
