

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th MARCH, 2023

STATUS OF TRADE WITH CHINA

1977 SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) the details of trade with China during the last five years, year-wise and commodity-wise;
- (b) whether imports from China have increased during the last five years;
- (c) the measures taken by Government to reduce import dependence from China, especially since the Galwan clash;
- (d) the steps taken by the Ministry to bring the trade deficit with China at zero;
- (e) whether the Ministry has taken any steps to bridge the overall trade deficit with china; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a): The details of trade with China for the last five years (2017-18 to 2021-22), year-wise and major commodity wise is attached at Annexure-I.

(b): The imports from China declined during the period 2017-18 to 2020-21 whereas these registered an increase during 2021-22.

(c) to (f): The Government has taken several steps to reduce dependency on imports. Most of the goods imported from China are capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials like Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, auto components, mobile phone parts, etc which are also used for making finished products which are also exported out of India. India's dependence on imports in these categories is largely due to gap in domestic supply and demand. To boost domestic manufacturing and reduce dependency on imports, the Government has launched Production Linked Incentive Schemes in 14 strategic sectors with the aim to make Indian manufacturers globally competitive, attract investment in the areas of core competency/cutting-edge technology, enhance exports and integrate India in the global supply chain. The surge in imports is monitored on a regular basis and for corrective actions and enhancing domestic capacities.

To increase our exports to China, the Government is diversifying the trade basket and addressing issues related to market access and non-tariff barriers. The exporters are encouraged to participate in major trade fairs and buyer seller meets to show case and market their products.

As a measure to check substandard imports, the Government has framed Technical Regulations (TRs) for several products. Further, the Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) is empowered to recommend imposition of anti-dumping duty, countervailing duty or quantitative restrictions (QRs) if Indian industry is 'seriously injured' or 'threatened with injury' on account of surge in imports or unfair trade practices.

India's Export with CHINA in major commodity groups during last five FYs

Value in USD Million

SLN O	COMMODITY_GRP	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	TEA	23.93	26.52	27.43	31.15	13.10
2	COFFEE	1.95	1.54	1.82	1.65	2.42
3	RICE	0.09	1.10	1.01	104.08	497.59
4	OTHER CEREALS	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
5	TOBACCO	2.15	1.36	0.54	0.19	0.74
6	SPICES	314.69	447.49	765.60	970.44	891.41
7	CASHEW	0.61	0.14	0.13		0.00
8	OIL MEALS	4.89	1.23	0.63	20.03	14.34
9	OIL SEEDS	7.78	7.30	37.96	91.34	35.13
10	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	21.01	24.72	21.34	25.83	19.71
11	CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	4.28	7.30	4.63	3.90	2.45
12	MARINE PRODUCTS	164.07	723.86	1345.41	869.93	1124.91
13	MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	0.34	0.04	0.10	0.08	0.02
14	IRON ORE	1091.23	952.82	2134.16	4245.45	2485.72
15	MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	855.12	922.89	882.26	773.09	990.90
16	LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	169.93	147.71	131.80	94.45	134.68
17	CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	28.83	39.80	54.79	52.94	34.37
18	GEMS AND JEWELLERY	234.62	316.32	61.01	88.58	120.32
19	DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	200.46	230.20	287.97	371.31	343.64
20	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	2012.20	3049.14	2438.81	2169.14	2250.30
21	ENGINEERING GOODS	3267.93	1893.12	2174.25	4884.00	5533.64
22	ELECTRONIC GOODS	526.88	599.55	891.53	777.35	891.28
23	COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS, HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.	942.70	1367.45	662.38	717.71	841.35
24	MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	49.65	58.56	42.66	39.96	55.07
25	RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	81.70	99.74	90.94	52.66	53.64
26	JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	2.07	2.27	1.95	2.93	2.97
27	CARPET	15.99	15.94	11.51	11.31	9.85
28	HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	10.81	17.15	36.11	10.31	9.86
29	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	1507.00	2854.42	2128.05	1043.39	1873.00
30	PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	555.66	1112.53	850.62	956.86	386.92
31	OTHERS	1235.84	1830.58	1526.92	2778.64	2645.04

Source: DGCIS

India's Import with CHINA in major commodity groups during last five FY**Value in USD Million**

SLNO	COMMODITY_GRP	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE	0.10	0.37	8.07	0.02	0.88
2	VEGETABLE OIL	0.63	0.46	0.56	0.22	0.91
3	PULSES	58.11	47.86	51.58	46.36	24.77
4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	85.13	33.27	48.41	36.69	37.88
5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	17.95	21.00	24.34	20.84	24.37
6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	992.62	923.52	895.03	700.60	970.88
7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	1072.58	2053.29	1820.93	1551.23	2953.45
8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	0.24	0.27	0.21	0.13	0.12
9	METALIFEROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	272.96	476.15	261.54	238.42	372.64
10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.	642.52	698.89	160.32	20.71	477.24
11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	313.84	302.27	340.44	183.63	431.32
12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	932.58	803.99	784.43	525.75	707.27
13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	265.67	256.90	236.49	114.30	178.92
14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	4750.20	5781.19	5197.64	5693.70	8486.57
15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRLS.	751.13	759.89	779.54	775.01	1211.26
16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	2945.48	3227.06	3165.79	2741.78	4696.03
17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	2230.65	2592.04	2467.49	2721.34	3568.67
18	NEWSPRINT	0.01		0.00	0.01	0.00
19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	107.61	64.11	61.24	45.20	74.07
20	IRON AND STEEL	3090.72	3153.45	2706.35	2208.84	2976.06
21	NON-FERROUS METALS	1657.52	2131.10	1855.26	1460.08	2312.12
22	MACHINE TOOLS	1014.96	1142.81	1026.74	1109.88	1573.18
23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	10354.11	11135.68	10865.44	10220.49	13664.89
24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3758.57	2721.66	2470.58	2374.43	3104.84
25	PROJECT GOODS	609.54	553.28	438.28	347.92	196.45
26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	807.30	815.93	758.15	930.46	1532.17
27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	31975.18	22737.47	21374.09	23936.27	35849.51
28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	2251.84	2630.56	2562.85	2903.41	3481.49
29	GOLD	76.53	12.59	0.00		
30	SILVER	326.31	321.53	46.26	51.76	139.44
31	OTHERS	5018.10	4921.05	4852.68	4252.76	5523.15

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