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REDUCING IMPORT OF PETROCHEMICALS

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Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:-

- whether the Government has prepared any policy or roadmap to reduce import of petrochemicals and increase exports;
- if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- the details of import and export of petrochemicals during the last three years, year-wise; and
- the details of efforts being made by the Government to reduce import and increase exports of petrochemicals?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA)

a. & b. "India Petrochemicals Perspective Plan 2040" report, covering the demand & supply scenario of Major Petrochemical products has been prepared recently. The demand and supply of feed-stocks, intermediates and final products of petrochemicals is being projected till 2040 to prepare roadmap to reduce imports and increase exports of petrochemicals.

c. The last three years details of Imports and Exports of Petrochemicals are as follows:

Imports of Major Petrochemicals (Group-wise) during 2020-21 to 2022-23						
[QTY in MT & VAL in Rs. Lakh]						
GROUP	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
SYNTHETIC FIBRES	403273	410701	460377	678520	670250	864661
FIBRE INTERMEDIATES	1441326	649525	2626726	1713284	3355729	2176204
POLYMERS	2641372	2142272	2941493	3267215	4789378	4956650

SYNTHETIC RUBBER (ELASTOMERS)	747278	718860	635138	1144125	673480	1320567
SYNTHETIC DETERGENT INTERMEDIATES	265406	216258	277828	336160	342892	523554
PERFORMANCE PLASTICS	298958	293817	282523	394910	292316	414336
OLEFINS	43875	33958	91880	76193	94231	102839
AROMATICS	1300486	542096	1124365	742531	1245729	1123727
OTHER PETRO-BASED CHEMICALS	3068899	2152067	3291372	3656404	3425800	3404342
TOTAL IMPORT OF MAJOR PETRO-CHEMICALS	10210873	7159554	11731702	12009342	14889805	14886880

Exports of Major Petrochemicals (Group-wise) during 2020-21 to 2022-23						
[QTY in MT & VAL in Rs. Lakh]						
GROUP	2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
SYNTHETIC FIBRES	878619	787040	1202246	1438887	1518008	2052206
FIBRE INTERMEDIATES	475165	162929	127582	86540	112427	121610
POLYMERS	1488512	968069	921155	942517	1172703	1245027
SYNTHETIC RUBBER (ELASTOMERS)	95037	79421	89936	111822	140859	194901
SYNTHETIC DETERGENT INTERMEDIATES	1876	1939	7491	8701	5044	6214
PERFORMANCE PLASTICS	217142	198743	283722	353686	363856	575133
OLEFINS	284988	136102	255597	173883	323495	234525
AROMATICS	4660796	1854685	4434556	2998035	5320017	4265410
OTHER PETRO-BASED CHEMICALS	171468	169127	212298	249815	378150	448320
TOTAL EXPORT OF MAJOR PETRO-CHEMICALS	8273603	4358055	7534583	6363886	9334559	9143346

d. The following efforts are being made to reduce import and increase exports of petrochemicals:

- Rationalization of duty structure;
- Promoting quality in products by issuing quality control orders
- Creation of new HS codes for the products falling under other category for better trade monitoring;

- By attracting investments for manufacturing of Petrochemical products;
- Establishment and promotion of Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment regions.
- Promotion of research and development in the sector by establishing Centres of Excellence.
- Skill development of the workforce for Petrochemicals and Plastics.
