

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 40**  
ANSWERED ON 02/02/2024

**THREATS TO IMPORT-EXPORT DUE TO RED SEA CRISIS**

40. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India may see around \$30 billion shaved off its total exports in the current fiscal year, as threats to cargo vessels in the Red Sea lead to a surge in container shipping rates and prompt exporters to hold back on shipments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to resolve this current crisis for import and export?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c)** Exports from India are continuing as the sailings of containers carrying ships from India have been diverted via the Cape of Good Hope route. The crisis in Red Sea, at present, has also not much affected the availability of containers in most of the ports. Indian Navy has substantially enhanced maritime surveillance efforts in Central / North Arabian Sea and augmented force levels. Aerial surveillance by long-range maritime patrol aircraft and RPAs has been enhanced to have a complete maritime domain awareness. Towards effective surveillance of EEZ, Indian Navy is operating in close coordination with Coast Guard. The overall situation is being closely monitored by the government.

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