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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3435
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2025

INDIA'S RISING IMPORT BILL

3435. Shri Ritabrata Banerjee:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the weaker Indian Rupee will push the country's import bill due to higher payments for crude oil, coal, vegetable oil, gold, diamonds, electronics, machinery, plastics and chemicals;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial measures adopted to address the issue?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)

(a) and (b): The depreciation of the Rupee is likely to enhance the export competitiveness, which in turn impacts the economy positively. On the other hand, depreciation may raise the prices of imported goods. The overall impact of exchange rate depreciation on domestic prices depends on the extent of the pass-through of international commodity prices to the domestic market. Further, besides exchange rate movements, imports are determined by several other factors, including global supply-demand conditions, geopolitical developments, domestic demand, and factors such as global value chain integration necessitating imports of intermediate goods for production and exports, and international prices of imported goods etc.

(c): The Department of Commerce has been regularly monitoring and sensitizing line Ministries/Departments and other stakeholders from time to time and at various levels on the issue of imports, inter-alia, regarding addressing domestic supply rigidities and looking at domestic production opportunities /enhancement of capacity.
