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IMPORTS FROM CHINA AND COMPARATIVE POSITION

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

(a) the total value of India's merchandise imports from China during each of the last five financial years;
(b) the percentage share of imports from China in India's total merchandise imports during the said period;
(c) the value of India's imports from the ten largest import partner countries during each of the last five financial years, indicating China's rank among them; and
(d) the trade deficit between India and China during each of the last five financial years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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(a) and (b): Details of total value of India's merchandise imports from China and percentage share of imports from China in India's total merchandise imports during the last five financial years are as below:

Financial Year	**Imports from China** *(value in USD Billion)*	**% Share of China in India's total merchandise imports**
2021-22	94.57	15.43
2022-23	98.51	13.76
2023-24	101.73	15.00
2024-25	113.45	15.73
2025-26	131.63	16.96

(c): Value of India's imports from the ten largest import partner countries during the last five financial years along with China's rank is below:

FY 2021-22		
RANK	**COUNTRY**	**IMPORTS** *(value in USD Billion)*
1.	CHINA P RP	94.57

2.	U ARAB EMTS	44.83
3.	U S A	43.31
4.	SAUDI ARAB	34.10
5.	IRAQ	31.93
6.	SWITZERLAND	23.39
7.	HONG KONG	19.10
8.	SINGAPORE	18.96
9.	INDONESIA	17.70
10.	KOREA RP	17.48

FY 2022-23		
RANK	**COUNTRY**	**IMPORTS** *(value in USD Billion)*
1.	CHINA P RP	98.51
2.	U ARAB EMTS	53.23
3.	U S A	50.86
4.	RUSSIA	46.21
5.	SAUDI ARAB	42.04
6.	IRAQ	34.39
7.	INDONESIA	28.82
8.	SINGAPORE	23.60
9.	KOREA RP	21.23
10.	AUSTRALIA	19.01

FY 2023-24		
RANK	**COUNTRY**	**IMPORTS** *(value in USD Billion)*
1.	CHINA P RP	101.74
2.	RUSSIA	61.16

3.	U ARAB EMTS	48.03
4.	U S A	42.20
5.	SAUDI ARAB	31.42
6.	IRAQ	29.96
7.	INDONESIA	23.41
8.	SWITZERLAND	21.25
9.	SINGAPORE	21.20
10.	KOREA RP	21.14

FY 2024-25		
RANK	**COUNTRY**	**IMPORTS** *(value in USD Billion)*
1.	CHINA P RP	113.45
2.	RUSSIA	63.81
3.	U ARAB EMTS	63.40
4.	U S A	45.63
5.	SAUDI ARAB	30.12
6.	IRAQ	28.89
7.	INDONESIA	22.78
8.	SWITZERLAND	21.80
9.	SINGAPORE	21.28
10.	KOREA RP	21.06

FY 2025-26		
RANK	**COUNTRY**	**IMPORTS** *(value in USD Billion)*
1.	CHINA P RP	131.63
2.	U ARAB EMTS	63.89
3.	RUSSIA	55.37
4.	U S A	53.49

5.	SAUDI ARAB	30.79
6.	IRAQ	24.56
7.	HONG KONG	24.33
8.	SWITZERLAND	24.28
9.	SINGAPORE	24.24
10.	JAPAN	21.44

(d): The trade deficit between India and China during each of the last five financial years is as below:

Financial Year	**Trade Deficit** *(value in USD Billion)*
2021-22	73.31
2022-23	83.20
2023-24	85.08
2024-25	99.20
2025-26	112.16

India's import dependence continues to be shaped by the country's rapid economic growth, industrialization, urbanization, expanding manufacturing base, and deeper integration with global value chains (GVCs). These imports provide critical raw materials such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, graphite, rare earth elements and copper etc. that are essential inputs for clean energy technologies, electric vehicles, electronics and semiconductors. Further import of intermediate goods, capital equipment, and advanced technologies support domestic production particularly in strategic sectors such as energy, pharmaceuticals, fertilizers, electronics (especially semiconductors), and advanced manufacturing besides facilitating infrastructure development, investment, and export competitiveness, while also meeting growing domestic demand.

At the same time, the Government is actively strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities, resource development, and enhancing supply chain resilience through several initiatives such as Make in India, Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Schemes, and targeted measures to reduce import dependence in key strategic sectors.

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