

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

LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 364  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

TRADE WITH BRICS NATIONS

**\*364. MOHAMMED FAIZAL:**  
**SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:**

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of India's trade with BRICS Nations during the last three years and the current year, country-wise indicating the share of India's intra BRICS trade to global trade;
- (b) whether India is facing trade barriers/ non-tariff barriers in other BRICS nations and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to remove these barriers;
- (c) whether trade among BRICS Nations is quite low as compared to their total global trade and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has taken up the issue with BRICS Nations to increase trade and if so, the details thereof and response of the BRICS Nations thereon; and
- (e) the other steps taken or being taken by the Government to boost trade with BRICS Nations?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK  
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REGARDING “TRADE WITH BRICS NATIONS”**

(a): The details of India’s trade with BRICS nations (imports and exports) during the last three years and the current year, country-wise indicating the share of India’s BRICS trade to global trade are as under: -

in US\$ Billion

<b>Description</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17(April-September)</b>
India's trade with Brazil	9.27	11.36	6.69	2.71
India Trade with China	65.86	72.35	70.72	33.19
India's trade with Russia	6.02	6.35	6.17	3.30
India's trade with South Africa	11.15	11.80	9.54	3.72
India's trade with BRICS countries	92.30	101.86	93.12	42.92
India's total trade	764.63	758.39	643.30	305.69
<b>% share of India’s BRICS trade with total trade</b>	<b>12.07%</b>	<b>13.43%</b>	<b>14.48%</b>	<b>14.04%</b>

(b): Yes, Madam. India does face tariff and non–tariff barriers from certain BRICS nations. India takes up these concerns with BRICS countries through the appropriate bilateral and plurilateral mechanisms.

(c) to (e): The intra-BRICS trade (imports and exports) as a percentage of global trade of BRICS nations has been an average of 12.28% over 2013 to 2015.

The BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) is the forum which deals with trade issues between BRICS countries. The 6<sup>th</sup> BRICS Trade Ministers meeting was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 in New Delhi. The Ministers adopted a Communique along with six documents namely (i) BRICS MSME Cooperation Framework, (ii) Framework for Cooperation on Trade in Services, (iii) Terms of Reference of IPR (intellectual property rights) Cooperation Mechanism of BRICS Countries (iv) Framework for BRICS Single Window Cooperation (v) Terms of Reference of Trade Promotion Working Group and (vi) BRICS Framework for Standardisation. The co-operation in these areas is expected to enhance participation of BRICS countries in world trade which would inter-alia include measures for facilitating integration of MSMEs into the BRICS value chains, co-ordination on trade promotion activities both within and outside the region, cooperation on IPR issues and participation in standardisation activities.

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