

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 738 (H)**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

**TRADE WITH GULF COUNTRIES**

**738 (H). SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:**

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

- (a) the details of India's trade with the Gulf countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India's trade with the Gulf countries has witnessed an increase during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance trade with the Gulf countries during the ensuing five year plan period?

**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 (c): The details of India's trade with Gulf countries (viz. Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE) during the last three years and the current year are at Annex- I and II. As per available DGCIS data, India's trade with Gulf countries has witnessed a decline during the current year, except in the case of Oman.

(d): Trade Fairs/buyers sellers meets are regularly organized in Gulf countries under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme of D/o Commerce with a view to diversify/boost exports and enhance trade with Gulf Co-operation Council Countries.

## Annex-I

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**Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 6.0**

Region-wise all countries Trade for West Asia- GCC region

(Period: April-March)

S. No.	Country	2013-2014				% Growth		2014-2015				% Growth		2015-2016				% Growth	
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd. Bal.	Exports	Imports
1	BAHARAIN	639.36	563.24	1,202.60	76.13	5.95	-15.26	472.98	446.25	919.23	26.74	-26.02	-20.77	654.14	356.9	1,011.04	297.24	38.3	-20.02
2	KUWAIT	1,061.14	17,153.55	18,214.69	-16,092.41	0.01	3.41	1,198.89	13,381.97	14,580.85	-12,183.08	12.98	-21.99	1,247.51	4,969.69	6,217.20	-3,722.19	4.06	-62.86
3	OMAN	2,812.27	2,951.18	5,763.45	-138.91	8.19	46.85	2,379.44	1,752.24	4,131.69	627.2	-15.39	-40.63	2,190.79	1,674.71	3,865.50	516.08	-7.93	-4.43
4	QATAR	969.06	15,707.99	16,677.04	-14,738.93	41.02	0.1	1,054.98	14,604.71	15,659.69	-13,549.74	8.87	-7.02	902.04	9,022.16	9,924.20	-8,120.12	-14.5	-38.22
5	SAUDI ARAB	12,218.96	36,403.65	48,622.61	-24,184.69	24.86	7.08	11,162.55	28,107.56	39,270.11	-16,945.01	-8.65	-22.79	6,394.48	20,321.33	26,715.81	-13,926.86	-42.71	-27.7
6	U ARAB EMTS	30,520.42	29,019.82	59,540.24	1,500.60	-15.96	-25.85	33,028.08	26,139.91	59,167.99	6,888.17	8.22	-9.92	30,290.01	19,445.68	49,735.69	10,844.33	-8.29	-25.61
<b>Total of West Asia- GCC</b>		<b>48,221.20</b>	<b>101,799.42</b>	<b>150,020.63</b>	<b>-53,578.22</b>	<b>-5.55</b>	<b>-5.82</b>	<b>49,296.92</b>	<b>84,432.63</b>	<b>133,729.56</b>	<b>-35,135.71</b>	<b>2.23</b>	<b>-17.06</b>	<b>41,678.97</b>	<b>55,790.47</b>	<b>97,469.44</b>	<b>-14,111.50</b>	<b>-15.45</b>	<b>-33.92</b>
% Share in India's total		15.34	22.61					15.88	18.85					15.89	14.64				
<b>India's total</b>		<b>314,405.30</b>	<b>450,199.79</b>	<b>764,605.09</b>	<b>-135,794.49</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>-8.26</b>	<b>310,338.48</b>	<b>448,033.41</b>	<b>758,371.89</b>	<b>-137,694.93</b>	<b>-1.29</b>	<b>-0.48</b>	<b>262,290.13</b>	<b>381,006.63</b>	<b>643,296.75</b>	<b>-118,716.50</b>	<b>-15.48</b>	<b>-14.96</b>

Data Source: DGCI, Kolkata

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**Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 6.0**  
**Region-wise all countries Trade for West Asia- GCC region**  
**(Period: April-September)**  
**Values in US \$ Millions**  
**(P) Provisional**

**Annex-II**

S.No.	Country	2015-2016				2016-2017 (P)				% Growth	
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.	Exports	Imports
1	BAHARAIN IS	319.46	166.6	486.06	152.86	258.14	174.91	433.05	83.23	-19.2	4.99
2	KUWAIT	642.72	2,805.21	3,447.92	-2,162.49	721.66	2,046.82	2,768.48	1,325.16	12.28	-27.03
3	OMAN	1,016.17	830.96	1,847.13	185.21	1,185.03	707.83	1,892.86	477.2	16.62	-14.82
4	QATAR	473.09	4,915.73	5,388.82	-4,442.64	379.21	3,610.83	3,990.04	3,231.63	-19.84	-26.55
5	SAUDI ARAB	3,481.33	11,376.29	14,857.62	-7,894.96	2,679.85	9,320.58	12,000.43	6,640.74	-23.02	-18.07
6	U ARAB EMTS	15,589.66	10,652.24	26,241.91	4,937.42	15,903.12	9,763.50	25,666.62	6,139.63	2.01	-8.34
<b>Total of West Asia-GCC</b>		<b>21,522.43</b>	<b>30,747.02</b>	<b>52,269.46</b>	<b>-9,224.59</b>	<b>21,127.00</b>	<b>25,624.48</b>	<b>46,751.48</b>	<b>4,497.47</b>	<b>-1.84</b>	<b>-16.66</b>
% Share in India's total		16.09	15.2			16	14.63				
<b>India's total</b>		<b>133,723.25</b>	<b>202,269.61</b>	<b>335,992.87</b>	<b>-68,546.36</b>	<b>132,033.39</b>	<b>175,101.35</b>	<b>307,134.75</b>	<b>43,067.96</b>	<b>-1.26</b>	<b>-13.43</b>

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

