

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4104(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27th MARCH, 2017

TRADE WITH GULF AND SAARC COUNTRIES

4104(H).SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:

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

- (a) the details of India's trade with Gulf and SAARC countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India's trade with Gulf and SAARC countries has increased during the said period and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government for boosting trade with neighbouring countries including Gulf and SAARC countries?

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) and SAARC Countries (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) during the last three years and the current year are at Annex- I, II & III. 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 and UAE. In 2013-14, total trade of India with other SAARC countries stood at US\$ 19,976.89 million. With reference to 2013-14, this has increased during 2014-15 to US\$ 23,411.00 million and during 2015-16 to US\$ 21,595.33 million. During the period for April-2016 to January, 2017(Provisional) the total trade of India with other SAARC Countries stood at US\$ 17,535.96 million.

The Government continues to engage pro-actively with Gulf and SAARC countries to strengthen trade and economic relations. Issues impacting bilateral trade, raised by these countries, are taken up for an early resolution. Discussions are held at bilateral/multilateral level from time to time, to explore mechanisms for enhancement of cross border trade. Issues relating to improvement of trade infrastructure at Land Custom Stations/Integrated Check Posts are also being coordinated in consultation with the concerned states and the neighbouring countries. Trade Fairs/buyers sellers meets are regularly organized under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme of Department of Commerce with a view to diversify/boost exports and enhance trade with Gulf Co-operation Council Countries and SAARC Countries.

Annex-I

Department of Commerce
 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)

Dated: 20/03/2017
 Values in US \$ Millions

S.No.	Country	2013-2014				2014-2015				2015-2016									
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.						
West Asia- GCC																			
1	BAHRAIN	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	17,133.55	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	-3,772.19	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	UAE	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
	Total of West Asia- GCC	48,221.20	1,01,799.42	1,50,020.63	-53,578.22	-5.55	-5.82	49,296.92	84,432.63	1,33,729.56	-35,135.71	2.23	-17.06	41,678.97	55,790.47	97,469.44	-14,111.50	-15.45	-33.92
	% Share in India's total	15.34	22.61					15.88	18.85				15.89	14.64					
	India's total	3,14,405.30	4,50,199.79	7,64,605.09	-1,35,794.49	4.66	-8.26	3,10,338.48	4,48,033.41	7,58,371.89	-1,37,694.93	-1.29	-0.48	2,62,290.13	3,81,006.63	6,43,296.75	-1,18,716.50	-15.48	-14.96

Data Source: DGCI, Kolkata

Annex-II

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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-January)

Dated: 20/03/2017
 Values in US \$ Millions
 (P) Provisional

S.No.	Country	2015-2016				2016-2017(P)				% Growth	
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Trd.Bal.	Exports	Imports
	West Asia- GCC										
1.	BAHARAIN IS	581.45	298.02	879.46	283.43	396.55	255.62	652.16	140.93	-31.80	-14.23
2.	KUWAIT	1,017.44	4,288.74	5,306.18	-3,271.30	1,240.45	3,491.30	4,731.75	-2,250.85	21.92	-18.59
3.	OMAN	1,686.49	1,406.53	3,093.03	279.96	2,006.95	1,094.65	3,101.60	912.30	19.00	-22.17
4.	QATAR	747.09	7,730.44	8,477.52	-6,983.35	631.45	6,131.35	6,762.80	-5,499.90	-15.48	-20.69
5.	SAUDI ARAB	5,513.19	17,499.37	23,012.56	-11,986.19	4,144.93	15,765.67	19,910.60	-11,620.75	-24.82	-9.91
6.	U ARAB EMTS	25,212.36	16,941.49	42,153.85	8,270.87	25,322.21	17,019.45	42,341.66	8,302.76	0.44	0.46
	Total of West Asia- GCC	34,758.01	48,164.59	82,922.61	-13,406.58	33,742.53	43,758.04	77,500.56	-10,015.51	-2.92	-9.15
	% Share in India's total	15.91	14.76			15.21	14.15				
	India's total	218,532.66	326,277.37	544,810.03	-107,744.71	221,777.09	309,328.05	531,105.14	-87,550.97	1.48	-5.19

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

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Department of Commerce
Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 6.0
 Region-wise all countries Trade for South Asia region

Dated: 16/03/2017
 Values in US \$ Millions
 (P) Provisional

S.No	Country	2016-2017(P) (April-January)			2015-2016(Apr-Mar)			2014-2015(Apr-Mar)			2013-2014(Apr-Mar)		
		Export	Import	Total Trade	Export	Import	Total Trade	Export	Import	Total Trade	Export	Import	Total Trade
	South Asia												
1.	AFGHANISTAN TIS	423.99	252.33	676.32	526.60	307.90	834.50	422.56	261.91	684.47	474.34	208.77	683.10
2.	BANGLADESH PR	5,303.77	609.19	5,912.96	6,034.95	727.15	6,762.10	6,451.48	621.37	7,072.85	6,166.97	484.34	6,651.30
3.	BHUTAN	383.24	274.41	657.65	468.95	281.27	750.22	333.94	149.87	483.81	355.60	152.17	507.77
4.	MALDIVES	152.98	6.17	159.15	179.04	4.29	183.33	152.38	4.32	156.70	106.07	3.97	110.05
5.	NEPAL	4,364.99	347.38	4,712.37	3,930.09	470.59	4,400.67	4,558.77	639.91	5,198.68	3,592.30	529.93	4,122.23
6.	PAKISTAN IR	1,382.37	402.72	1,785.09	2,171.16	441.03	2,612.18	1,857.29	497.31	2,354.60	2,274.30	426.88	2,701.18
7.	SRI LANKA DSR	3,131.73	500	3,631.73	5,309.53	742.79	6,052.32	6,703.72	756.17	7,459.89	4,534.35	666.93	5,201.27
	Total of South Asia	15,143.06	2,392.20	17,535.26	18,620.32	2,975.01	21,595.33	20,480.14	2,930.85	23,411.00	17,503.92	2,472.98	19,976.89

Source: DGCIS database