

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2401 (H)  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2017

**TRADE TIES WITH CHINA**

**2401(H). SHRI KIRTI AZAD:**

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

- the current status of trade between India and China in view of the increase in imports by China;
- whether India has improved its trade ties with China and increased its export; and
- if so, the details thereof?

**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): Details of trade and trade deficit with China during last two years and the current year upto May 2017 are given below: -

**Bilateral Trade between India and China during 2015-16 to 2016-17 and the current year**

*Value in US\$ Billion*

Year	Import	Export	Total Trade	Trade Deficit
2015-16	61.70	9.01	70.71	52.69
2016-17	61.28	10.19	71.47	51.09
2017-18 ((Apr to May)*	11.83	1.73	13.56	10.10

*\*Provisional*

*(Source; DGCI&S)*

From above table, it may be seen that India's trade with China during 2016-17 grew marginally from US\$ 70.71 billion to US\$ 71.47 billion. During this period, India's exports to China grew by 13% (approximately) from US\$ 9.01 billion to US\$ 10.19 billion while India's imports from

China dropped marginally by 0.7% (approximately) to US\$ 61.28 billion from US\$ 61.70 billion resulting in a marginal dip in India's trade deficit with China by 3% (approximately).

Seeking greater market access for Indian goods has been an ongoing process with China, on a continuous basis.

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