

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2517  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2017

**TRADE BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN**

**2517. SHRI KESINENI NANI:**

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

- the total quantity and value of trade between India and Pakistan during the last three years indicating the percentage of trade;
- the details of goods-wise split in terms of volume and percentage in imports and exports with Pakistan during the said period;
- whether Pakistan has not reciprocated the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status to India; and
- if so, the details thereof along with the reasons for not cancelling the MFN status to Pakistan by India?

**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): Since the unit for measurement of quantity varies across products, it is not possible to provide the total quantity of trade between India and Pakistan. However, the value of bilateral trade between India & Pakistan during the last three years, and its share of India's total trade, is given below:-

	Value in USD Million		
	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17
India's Bilateral Trade with Pakistan(A)	2,354.49	2,612.16	2,288.19
India's Total Trade (B)	7,58,371.89	6,43,296.75	6,60,599.58
(A) as percentage of (B)	0.31%	0.41%	0.35%

Source:DGCI&S Database

(b): Details of the top 25 products imported from/exported to Pakistan in FY 2016-17, indicating value and percentage, for the last three years, are provided in Annexes 1 and 2.

(c)&(d): Article 1 of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT),1994 requires every WTO member country to accord MFN status to all other member countries. Accordingly, India accords MFN status to all WTO member countries, including Pakistan.

However, Pakistan is yet to transition fully to Most Favoured Nation (MFN) status for India. It maintains a Negative List of 1209 products which are not allowed to be imported from India. In addition, Pakistan also permits only 137 products to be imported from India through Wagah/Attari border land route. In spite of these restrictions, India continues to maintain a substantial trade surplus with Pakistan. No decision has been taken to review the MFN status to Pakistan, so far.

## Annex 1

### Principal Commodities of Exports from India to Pakistan

Value in USD Million				
S.No.	Commodity	Apr-Mar 2015	Apr-Mar 2016	Apr-Mar 2017(P)
1	COTTON RAW INCLUDING WASTE	105.03	647.35	258.44
2	COTTON YARN	90.36	131.71	214.94
3	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	131.2	85.55	179.73
4	PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	139.47	112.08	118.77
5	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	142.67	165.98	95.57
6	DYES	78.1	72.6	75.73
7	BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	68.63	65.81	71.33
8	INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY FOR DAIRY ETC	38.03	41.08	58.73
9	FRESH VEGETABLES	115.22	38.79	55.11
10	RESIDUL CHEMICAL AND ALLED PRODUCTS	62.96	40.75	53.43
11	COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	38.09	46.53	51.99
12	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	29.58	16.52	43.29
13	SUGAR	0.12	42.35	42.45
14	IRON AND STEEL	33.95	32.18	40.03
15	SPICES	50.73	38.55	30.7
16	GROUNDNUT	25.89	31.71	29.74
17	HANDICRAFTS (EXCLUDING HANDMADE CARPETS)	27.86	44.05	26.68
18	MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE	35.43	29.41	25.65
19	PULSES	46.84	62.99	23.57
20	AUTO TYRES AND TUBES	36.3	46.32	23.39
21	OTHR RUBBER PRODCT EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	14.21	12.7	17.9
22	TEA	19.89	30.25	17.55
23	AGRO CHEMICALS	11.96	16.79	16.73
24	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	11	10.15	13.79
25	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	19.12	18.62	13.67
	<b>Total of exports of top 25 commodities to Pakistan</b>	<b>1353.52</b>	<b>1862.2</b>	<b>1585.24</b>
	<b>India's total exports to Pakistan</b>	<b>1,857.28</b>	<b>2,171.15</b>	<b>1,831.86</b>
	<b>Percentage share of exports of top 25 commodities in total exports to Pakistan</b>	<b>72.88%</b>	<b>85.77%</b>	<b>86.54%</b>
	<b>India's total exports</b>	<b>3,10,338.48</b>	<b>2,62,290.13</b>	<b>2,76,280.29</b>
	<b>Percentage share of exports to Pakistan in total exports</b>	<b>0.60%</b>	<b>0.83%</b>	<b>0.66%</b>
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Data Source:DGCI&S				

## Annex 2

### Principal Commodities of Imports From Pakistan

S.No.	Commodity	Value in USD Million		
		Apr-Mar 2015	Apr-Mar 2016	Apr-Mar 2017(P)
1	FRESH FRUITS	106.74	89.26	126.63
2	CEMENT, CLINKER AND ASBSTOS CEMENT	45.93	49.69	84.42
3	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	106.22	116.39	78.56
4	BULK MINERALS AND ORES	9.2	17.24	21.51
5	FINISHED LEATHER	28.87	12.92	20.62
6	PROCESSED MINERALS	22.05	20.44	17.95
7	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	17.09	13.94	15.42
8	COTTON RAW INCLUDING WASTE	36.76	21.59	12.41
9	COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	23.68	18.84	11.8
10	GLASS AND GLASSWARE	16.03	5.97	7.76
11	SPICES	5.02	5.09	6.87
12	SURGICALS	4.83	2.74	6.71
13	WOOL, RAW	9.84	7.19	5.35
14	OTHR RUBBER PRODCT EXCPT FOOTWEAR	4.18	3.15	3.79
15	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	2.41	3.28	3.47
16	MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	2.36	1.5	2.66
17	RMG COTTON INCLUDING ACCESSORIES	1.99	1.53	2.07
18	MARINE PRODUCTS	0.11	0.52	2.07
19	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	0.98	1.39	1.77
20	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	1.72	0.81	1.38
21	PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	16.7	7.21	1.36
22	DYES	0.23	0.21	1.23
23	RMG MANMADE FIBRES	0.51	0.87	1
24	SPORTS GOODS	1.62	1.09	0.93
25	COIR AND COIR MANUFACTURES			0.75
	<b>Total of imports of top 25 commodities from Pakistan</b>	<b>465.07</b>	<b>402.86</b>	<b>438.49</b>
	<b>India's total imports from Pakistan</b>	<b>497.31</b>	<b>441.02</b>	<b>456.33</b>
	<b>Percentage share of imports of top 25 commodities in total imports from Pakistan</b>	<b>93.52%</b>	<b>91.35%</b>	<b>96.09%</b>
	<b>India's total imports</b>	<b>4,48,033.41</b>	<b>3,81,006.63</b>	<b>3,84,319.29</b>
	<b>Percentage share of imports from Pakistan in total imports</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>	<b>0.12%</b>

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