

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1564
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th MARCH, 2018

TRADE RELATIONS WITH BANGLADESH AND MYANMAR

1564. KUNWAR BHARATENDRA:

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

- (a) the details of India's trade relations with Bangladesh and Myanmar;
- (b) the quantum of India's trade with these countries during the last three years; and
- (c) the number of approved and functional inland container depots and land customs stations at India-Bangladesh and India-Myanmar border areas?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

- (a) and (b): India's trade relations with Bangladesh are governed by the Trade Agreement between India and Bangladesh, last renewed in June 2015, which is a facilitative mechanism for expansion of bilateral trade and economic cooperation but does not prescribe any preferential tariffs for the import of products between the two countries. The preferential trade between India and Bangladesh is governed by relevant multilateral trade agreements which, inter-alia include Agreement on SAARC Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA), Agreement on South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), Asia Pacific Trade Agreement (APTA) etc.

There is no bilateral trade agreement between India and Myanmar. The bilateral trade relations are governed by India-ASEAN multilateral trade agreements viz India-ASEAN Trade in Goods Agreement, India-ASEAN Trade in Services Agreement and India-ASEAN Agreement on Investment.

The value of India's trade (exports and imports) with Bangladesh and Myanmar from 2014-15 to 2016-2017 and for the current year i.e. 2017-18, as available upto November, 2017, is given below:

Values in US \$ Million								
Country	2014-2015		2015-16		2016-17		2017-2018 (April-November) (Provisional)	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
Bangladesh	6,451.47	621.37	6,034.94	727.15	6,820.11	701.68	5,024.08	394.79
Myanmar	773.24	1,231.54	1,070.65	984.27	1,107.89	1,067.25	591.60	562.57

Data Source: DGCIS

- (c) There are 57 Land Custom Stations along the India-Bangladesh border. Out of these, regular trade takes place through 37 Land Custom Stations.

There are 3 Land Custom Stations on the India-Myanmar border, out of which regular trade takes place through 2 Land Custom Stations.

There are no Inland Container Depots along the India-Bangladesh and India-Myanmar border.
