

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5611(H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02nd APRIL,2018

BORDER TRADE

5611(H). SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

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

- (a) whether the annual trade with China through the border along Himachal Pradesh has almost stopped;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) if not, the steps being taken by the Government to boost this trade?

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) to(b): Trade with China through the Border along Himachal Pradesh takes place through Land Customs Station Shipkila. The trade is seasonal in nature and takes place between 1st July and 30th November. Value of trade through Shipkila during theyear 2016-17 and 2017-18 are given as below:-

Border Trade through Shipkila, Himachal Pradesh

Financial Year	Value of EXIM Trade
2016-17	Rs. 8.59 Crores
2017-18	Rs. 0.59 Crores

(Source : CBEC)

Various factors including non-availability of goods across the border, restriction on livestock trade etc. have been reported for this slowdown in trade.

(c): Deputy Commissioner-cum-Trade Authority, Indo China Border Trade via Shipkila, District Kinnaur (Himachal Pradesh) has informed the State Government to set up a designated quarantine station at Chhupan and necessary infrastructure for Trade Mart in order to boost border trade.
