

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1003**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

**EXCESS PAYMENT BY TRADERS FOR IMPORTED GOODS**

1003. DR. A. SAMPATH:

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

- whether the traders have to pay excess amount on account of continuous devaluation of Indian Rupee in comparison to dollar for imported goods resulting in adverse effect on industry and trade;
- If so, the details thereof;
- the details of the excess amount which has to be paid for imported goods on account of devaluation of Indian Rupee during the last three years; and
- whether the Indian consumers have had to pay excess amount for goods resulting in inflation and if so, the details thereof?

**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) & (b): The Rupee vis-a-vis US dollar has been under pressure during this financial year. When rupee depreciates, India's importer has to pay more in INR. The month wise exchange rate of INR with US \$s during this fiscal is given below:

Months of 2018-19	Exchange Rate of Indian Rupee (INR) vs US\$
April,18	66.78
May,18	67.45
June,18	68.58
July,18	68.61
Augst,18	70.93
Sept,18	72.55
Oct,18	73.99
Nov,18	69.66

Source: RBI & FBIL

During 2017, rupee generally exhibited strengthening trend with an appreciation of 6.4% against US \$. However, during 2018 it has shown a depreciating trend due to rising crude prices and rising interest rates in the US and geo-political issues resulting in foreign portfolio outflows. Since

November 2018, there has been an appreciating trend of rupee due to easing of crude oil prices, higher economic growth and foreign portfolio inflows during November, 2018.

(c) & (d): Trend of exchange rate of Indian rupee vis-à-vis US dollar during last three years is given below:

Years	Exchange Rate of Indian Rupees vs US\$ (End-year)
2015-16	66.33
2016-17	64.84
2017-18	65.04

*Source: Handbook of Statistics on the Indian Economy, RBI*

From the above table, it is clear that Rupee vis-avis US\$ remained almost stable through out the last three years. Hence, India's importers having to pay more during the same period in INR does not arise. It is clear from the table below.

India's Total import is in the table below:

Year	Total Import in US billion\$	Total Import in INR Crores
2015-16	381	24,90,305
2016-17	384	25,77,675
2017-18	466	30,01,033

As can be seen from the above table, imports in US \$ terms and INR terms have grown by 22% and 20.5% , respectively, in 2015-16 to 2017-18.

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