

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 52
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04th FEBRUARY, 2019

PLASTIC EXPORTS

52. SHRI A. ARUNMOZHITHEVAN:

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

- (a) whether India targets plastic exports worth US\$ 10.6 billion in the financial year 2019;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India's plastic export during the financial year 2018 was primarily boosted by higher shipment of plastic raw materials and value added plastic products including woven sacks, plastic sheets, films, plates, optical items, laminates, packaging items and medical disposables to various countries; and
- (d) 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 Government constantly strives to enhance the exports of all commodities, including plastics. India's plastics exports in FY 2017-18 were US \$ 8.85 billion. The exports of plastic & its products have grown by 28.8% during April to December, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year.

(% growth in plastics and its products exported by India)

Product sector	April17-Dec17	April 18-Dec18	Growth
	(US\$ Billion)	(US\$ Billion)	(%)
Plastic and its products	5.46	7.03	28.8

(c) & (d) Yes. Plastic products grouped under Plastic raw materials, plastic sheets, woven sacks, packaging items, optical items, laminates, medical disposables have witnessed a high growth in exports during financial year 2017-18. The details are as follows:

	2016-17	2017-18	Growth
	(US\$ Million)	(US \$ Million)	(%)
Plastic raw materials	2,546.66	3,272.97	28.5
Plastic sheets / films / plates etc	954.03	1,173.84	23.0
Woven sacks / FIBC	579.05	715.68	23.6
Packaging items	598.63	670.75	12.0
Optical items	381.75	468.17	22.6
Laminates	154.42	174.49	13.0
Medical disposables	153.17	170.16	11.1
Total	5,367.71	6646.06	23.8
