

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3515**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, 2023**

**IMPORT AND EXPORT OF PLASTICS**

**3515. SHRI JAYANT SINHA:**

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

- (a) the details of import and export of plastics in the last five years; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Ministry to encourage domestic exporters including the progress made in this regard?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

**(a):** The value of India's import and export of Plastics during last five years and current year 2022-23 (April-January) are as follows:

(Value in US\$ Million)		
Year	Export	Import
2017-18	4,814	13,088
2018-19	6,352	14,264
2019-20	5,264	13,218
2020-21	5,275	12,109
2021-22	6,824	18,394
2022-23 ( April- January)	4,683	17,921

Source: DGCI&S

**(b):** Department of Commerce conducts regular interactions with Export Promotion Councils (EPCs), Trade and Industry Associations, etc so as to understand the trade related bottlenecks and devise strategy to promote exports. Further, following actions are taken on regular basis for implementing the export initiatives:

- i. Tie-ups with overseas Indian Missions for organising trade promotion events and showcasing India's exports basket globally;
- ii. Identifying challenges faced by the exporting fraternity and addressing them with necessary interventions;
- iii. Exploring new markets along with existing ones;
- iv. Capacity building initiatives;
- v. Regular consultation on FTA's, trade related issues, etc with the Industry /exporters;
- vi. Organising outreach and awareness programs for trading community regarding various new policies, Schemes, procedures and facilitation, etc.;
- vii. The issue raised by the EPCs/Trade associations are taken up with the concerned Ministries/Department for their resolution.

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