

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4994
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31-03-2023

‘Import and Export of Petrochemicals’

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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the imports and exports of petrochemicals in the last three years, year-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has formulated any policy or roadmap for reducing imports and enhancing exports of petrochemicals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of other initiatives taken by the Government to reduce imports and increase exports of petrochemicals?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY
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(a) The details of imports and exports of petrochemicals in the last three years, are enclosed in Annexure 1.

(b), (c) & (d) Yes, Various measures have been taken by the Government to reduce imports and increase exports. In this regard, initiatives include:

1. Chemicals and Petrochemicals sector is de-licensed and deregulated. 100 % FDI is permissible under the automatic route (except for land border sharing countries with India) to attract investments for manufacturing quality products.
2. Development of the specified clusters for the production of Petrochemical products - Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIRs) are being promoted to boost the sector, by providing high-class and common infrastructure and support services to provide a competitive, environment conducive set up for businesses. Plastic Parks scheme aims to promote the development of plastic industry in the country.
3. Restructuring of customs duty structure to encourage industry to enhance domestic production.
4. The introduction of non-tariff measures such as issue of quality control orders to prevent imports of cheap and substandard products.
5. Creation of new HS codes for the products falling under other category for better import monitoring.
6. To boost exports of Petrochemicals and Chemicals, the Government is implementing Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme.
7. The Department has issued orders under Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), 2017 policy of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, to enhance use of indigenous chemicals and petrochemicals products in public procurement.
8. To promote research and development in the sector the Department supports the national level institutes under the scheme of establishment of Centres of Excellence.
9. The Department supports various industry promotion events/ meetings to promote investments and exports of Petrochemical products.

The last three years data of Imports and Exports of Petrochemicals are as follows:

Import of basic major petrochemicals (Group- wise) [Quantity in MT & Value in Rs. Lakh]						
Product	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Synthetic Fibres	346600	460883	403273	410701	460377	678520
Fibre Intermediates	1919655	1059484	1441326	649525	2626726	1713284
Polymers	3430180	2639363	2641372	2142272	2941493	3267215
Synthetic Rubber (Elastomers)	574832	709547	747278	718860	635138	1144125
Synthetic Detergent Intermediates	264058	237426	265406	216258	277828	336160
Performance Plastics	740577	782460	298958	293817	282523	394910
Olefins	75857	51011	43875	33958	91880	76193
Aromatics	1327535	772834	1300486	542096	1124365	742531
Other Petro-Based Chemicals	3543017	2388328	3068899	2152067	3291372	3656404
Total Import	12222311	9101336	10210873	7159554	11731702	12009342

Export of basic major petrochemicals (Group-Wise) [Quantity in MT & Value in Rs. Lakh]						
Product	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Synthetic Fibres	1059348	1054987	878619	787040	1202246	1438887
Fibre Intermediates	234372	123612	475165	162929	127582	86540
Polymers	1615451	1095332	1488512	968069	921155	942517
Synthetic Rubber (Elastomers)	74036	73065	95037	79421	89936	111822
Synthetic Detergent Intermediates	1044	1479	1876	1939	7491	8701
Performance Plastics	968791	739010	217142	198743	283722	353686
Olefins	336140	188100	284988	136102	255597	173883
Aromatics	4271477	2337408	4660796	1854685	4434556	2998035
Other Petro-Based Chemicals	237571	194934	171468	169127	212298	249815
Total Export	8798230	5807927	8273603	4358055	7534583	6363886

Source: Statistics at a Glance, Dept. of Chemicals & Petrochemicals
