

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 994  
ANSWERED ON 26/07/2023

TRADE DEFICIT WITH CHINA

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that India's trade deficit widened as exports fell and imports rose during the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the trade deficit with China is high that China gets five times higher than what India gets and if so, the current trend in this regard;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken proactive measures to reduce the over dependence on China for our country's imports and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of India's trade deficit (INR value) with China in the last five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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(a) and (b) India's exports rose by 36.6% during the last five years from USD 330.07 billion in 2018-19 to USD 450.95 billion in 2022-23. India's imports rose by 38.8% during the last five years from USD 514.07 billion in 2018-19 to USD 714.04 billion in 2022-23. Most of the goods imported from China are capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials and are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like electronics, telecom and power in India.

(c) To boost domestic manufacturing and reduce dependence on imports, the Government of India has launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme in 14 sectors including Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients, Telecom and Networking Equipment, Solar PV modules, Large Scale Electronic Manufacturing, Manmade filaments, White Goods, Pharma, etc. These schemes have already started showing results by attracting investments, creating job opportunities and boosting exports. Quality control orders for various products have been issued to check substandard imports. Directorate General of Trade Remedies recommends

trade remedial measures against unfair trade. The Government has also taken various other steps to support and expand domestic capacities such as Make in India, Start Up India, Promoting Ease of doing Business, PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan etc.

The Government is proactively involved in building supply chain resilience and diversifying trade partnerships. This will help in expanding our market access to new destinations.

(d) India's trade deficit with China for last five years is as below:

*(in INR crore)*

<b>Financial Years</b>	<b>Trade deficit</b>
2018-19	3,74,786.11
2019-20	3,43,840.37
2020-21	3,25,282.57
2021-22	5,46,873.06
2022-23	6,67,947.14

*(Source: DGCIS)*

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