

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA
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GLOBAL IMPACT ON INDIA'S EXPORTS

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

- (a) whether India's exports have suffered due to erosion in demand from the international market during the recent and current global economic meltdown;
- (b) if so, the details on how India's exports during 2018-19 fell as compared to those during the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the main items of export in respect of which the trade has considerably come down?

ANSWER

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(a) to (c): Since the global financial crisis of 2008-09, the world has seen considerable challenges to economic growth and trade. With regard to the current situation, as per World Trade Organization (WTO) press release dated 01.10.2019, World Merchandise Trade volume was forecast to grow at 1.2% in 2019. This is substantially below the 2.6% trade growth that was projected earlier by WTO in April 2019.

In this turbulent global scenario, India's exports have faced a challenging period in recent years. However, through concerted efforts like improved logistics, facilitation through increased digitization to reduce human interface and increased transparency of Government schemes aimed at incentivization and facilitation of exporters, quick resolution of implementation issues of GST, capacity building through skilling etc., the Government was able to arrest the challenges and our merchandise exports grew on a secular basis over the last three financial years, to reach a new peak of USD 330.1 Billion in 2018-19.

Details of export performance during the last three years are as follows:-

Years	Export (US\$ Billion)	% Change	Export (US\$ Billion) (excluding Petroleum Products and Gems & Jewellery)	% Change
2016-17	275.85	-	200.89	-
2017-18	303.53	10.03	224.51	11.77
2018-19	330.07	8.75	243.27	8.35

Source: DGCI&S.

The above table reveals that India's merchandise export has increased from 275.85 US\$ billion in 2016-17 to 303.53 US\$ billion in 2017-18 and to 330.07 US\$ billion in 2018-19, registering a positive growth of 10.03% and 8.75% as compared to the previous years. Excluding Petroleum Products and Gems & Jewellery, India's merchandise export has increased from 200.89 US\$ billion in 2016-17 to 224.51 US\$ billion in 2017-18 and to 243.27 US\$ billion in 2018-19, registering a positive growth of 11.77% and 8.75% as compared to the previous years.

Details of major Commodity Groups in terms of their export performance for the financial year 2018-19 is enclosed.

India'Export Performance

% Change

Sl. No.	Commodities	Growth / decline
		% APR'18-MAR'19
1	Iron Ore	-10.53
2	Electronic Goods	38.91
3	Spices	5.03
4	Oil seeds	1.81
5	Drugs & Pharmaceuticals	11.03
6	Ceramic products & glassware	23.64
7	Jute Mfg. including Floor Covering	-3.03
8	Tea	-0.75
9	Organic & Inorganic Chemicals	21.96
10	Marine Products	-8.06
11	RMG of all Textiles	-3.40
12	Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items	8.95
13	Handicrafts excl. Hand-made carpet	0.86
14	Engineering Goods	6.36
15	Man-made Yarn/Fabs./made-ups etc.	3.15
16	Tobacco	5.22
17	Mica, Coal & Other Ores, Minerals including processed minerals	10.49
18	Carpet	3.63
19	Gems & Jewellery	-3.67
20	Others	17.34
21	Petroleum Products	28.00
22	Leather & leather products	-2.81
23	Coffee	-15.12
24	Fruits & Vegetables	-4.71
25	Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc.	9.22
26	Plastic & Linoleum	25.61
27	Meat, dairy & poultry products	-5.35
28	Cashew	-29.06
29	Rice	-2.25
30	Oil Meals	33.73
31	Other cereals	27.6
	Overall growth (%)	9.00
