

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4002
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2020

INDO-SRI LANKA TRADE

4002. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

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

- (a) the areas where Indo-Sri Lanka trade have been established;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for the further expansion of Indo-Sri Lanka trade; and
- (c) if so, the details of the programme drawn up in those areas?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री (श्री पीयूष गोयल)
THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) India Sri Lanka bilateral trade covers numerous products across many areas. For the year 2018-19, principle commodities of India's export to Sri Lanka were petroleum products, ships, boats and floating structures, cotton fabrics and made-ups, two and three wheelers, drug formulations and biologicals, iron and steel products, motor vehicles/cars, sugar, paper, paper board and products, cement, clinkers, asbestos cement etc while major commodities of import from Sri Lanka were ships, boats and floating structures, spices, fresh fruits, paper, paperboard and products, readymade cotton garments including accessories, other textile yarn, fabric made-up articles, copper and copper products, electrical machinery and equipments, other construction machinery, bicycle and its parts etc.

(b) and (c): The Government continues to engage proactively with Sri Lanka to strengthen trade relations. Bilateral and multilateral trade discussions are held from time to time to explore mechanisms for enhancement of trade. Further, assistance is provided under Market Access Initiative (MAI) to Indian exporters, Export Promotion Councils, apex trade bodies etc, for enhancing exports through participation in events in foreign countries, including Sri Lanka.
