

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4134 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th MARCH, 2020

EXPORTS FROM INDIA

4134(H). SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA:

SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT:

SHRI ADHIKARI DEEPAK (DEV):

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

- (a) whether India is likely to miss its export target in the year 2018-19;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its impact on the economy, sector-wise;
- (c) the details of the domestic sectors that have been affected the most due to economic recession along with the extent to which the domestic employment opportunities have reduced or are created owing to India's export policy;
- (d) whether the Government has received representations from various Export Promotion Councils for the promotion of such sectors so as to improve their performance and the reaction of the Government thereon; and
- (e) the details of remedial measures taken to address the issue including changing its export policy?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): India's merchandise exports has increased from 303.53 US\$ billion in 2017-18 to 330.07 US\$ billion in 2018-19, registering a positive growth of 8.75%. India's export sector faced many challenges post 2013-14 period due to accentuation of the global economic / financial crisis. However, exports have been growing on a secular basis since 2016-17 for almost three years and total exports reached a new peak of more than half a trillion dollars for the first time in 2018-19. The sector-wise values of exports for 2018-19 and percentage change over the previous year 2017-18 are given at **Annexure**. The Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20), launched on 1st April 2015, provides a framework for increasing exports of goods and services as well as generation of employment and increasing value addition in the country, in line with the 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Skill India', 'Startup India' and 'Ease of Doing Business' initiatives.

(d): and (e): Representations/suggestions are received from trade organizations/export promotion councils from time to time for promotion of exports which are taken into consideration as part of the regular ongoing process of review and reform of trade policies. To promote export, Government has taken following remedial measures including changes in the export policy:

- (i) The Foreign Trade Policy (2015-20), inter alia, rationalised the earlier export promotion schemes and introduced two new schemes, namely 'Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS)' for improving export of goods and 'Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS)' for increasing exports of services. Duty credit scrips issued under these schemes were made fully transferable.
- (ii) A Mid-term Review of the FTP 2015-20 was undertaken in December, 2017 under which incentives for labour intensive / MSME sectors were increased by 2% under MEIS.
- (iii) A new Logistics Division was created in the Department of Commerce for integrated development of the logistics sector. India's rank in World Bank's Logistics Performance Index was moved up from 54 in 2014 to 44 in 2018.
- (iv) Interest Equalization Scheme on pre and post shipment rupee export credit was introduced from 01.04.2015 providing interest equalisation at 3% for labour intensive / MSME sectors. The rate was increased to 5% for MSME sectors with effect from 02.11.2018 and merchant exporters were covered under the Scheme with effect from 02.01.2019.
- (v) Measures to increase procurement of capital goods from indigenous manufacturers under the Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme by reducing specific export obligation from 90 percent to 75 percent of the normal export obligation.
- (vi) Issue of Advance Authorisation to allow duty free import of inputs for export product within a specified timeline.
- (vii) For improving ease of doing business, online issuance of Importer Exporter Codes (IEC) has been started. India's rank in World Bank 'Ease of Doing Business' ranking was improved from 142 in 2014 to 63 in 2019 with the rank in 'trading across borders' moving up from 122 to 80.
- (viii) A new scheme called "Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)" was launched with effect from 1st April 2017 to address the export infrastructure gaps in the country.
- (ix) A new scheme called Scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies (RoSCTL) covering export of garments and made-ups was notified on 7.3.2019 providing refund of duties/taxes at higher rates.
- (x) A comprehensive "Agriculture Export Policy" was launched on 6th December, 2018 with an aim to double farmers' income by 2022 and provide an impetus to agricultural exports.
- (xi) A new scheme called "Transport and Marketing Assistance" (TMA) has been launched for mitigating disadvantage of higher cost of transportation for export of specified agriculture products.
- (xii) Government has introduced a new Scheme for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) on 13-03-2020 for re-imburement of taxes/ duties/ levies, which are currently not being refunded under any other mechanism, at the central, state and local level.

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) to (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred question no. 4134 for answer on 18th March 2020

India's Merchandise Export, sector-wise for 2017-18 and 2018-19

Source: DGCI&S

(Value in US\$ Million)				
S. No	QE Groups	2017-18	2018-19	% Change
1	Engineering Goods	78696	83622	6.26
2	Petroleum Products	37465	46554	24.26
3	Gems And Jewellery	41544	40251	-3.11
4	Organic & Inorganic Chemical	18508	22379	20.91
5	Drugs And Pharmaceuticals	17283	19147	10.78
6	Rmg Of All Textiles	16707	16138	-3.40
7	Electronic Goods	6393	8829	38.11
8	Cotton Yarn/ Fabs./Madeups, Handloom Products Etc.	10260	11215	9.31
9	Plastic And Linoleum	6851	8607	25.64
10	Marine Products	7389	6803	-7.94
11	Rice	7806	7751	-0.71
12	Man-Made Yarn/Fabs./Madeups Etc.	4826	4981	3.19
13	Leather And Leather Manufactures	5289	5141	-2.80
14	Mica, Coal And Other Ores, Minerals Including Process	3777	4255	12.65
15	Meat, Dairy And Poultry Products	4610	4364	-5.34
16	Spices	3115	3322	6.65
17	Ceramic Products And Glassware	2132	2649	24.27
18	Iron Ore	1471	1317	-10.45
19	Fruits And Vegetables	2513	2541	1.10
20	Handicrafts Excl. Hand Made Carpet	1823	1838	0.81
21	Cereal Preparations And Miscellaneous Processed Item	1417	1555	9.80
22	Carpet	1430	1482	3.64
23	Oil Seeds	1174	1157	-1.50
24	Tobacco	934	981	5.04
25	Tea	837	831	-0.77
26	Oil Meals	1093	1509	38.01
27	Coffee	969	822	-15.10
28	Cashew	922	654	-29.05
29	Jute Mfg. Including Floor Covering	335	325	-3.03
30	Other Cereals	249	349	40.38
31	Others	15705	18709	19.13
Total Export		303526	330078	8.75
