

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3496**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**IMPORT OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

3496. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

- (a) the percentage increase in imports of essential commodities for the year 2020;
- (b) the percentage decline in exports from India for the months of March-December, 2020; and
- (c) the percentage increase in overall imports for the months of March-December, 2020?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हरदीप सिंह पुरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

**(a):** India's import of essential commodities declined by 29.0% during January- December 2020 as compared to corresponding period of the previous year.

**(b):** India's total merchandise export declined by 17.8% during March- December 2020 as compared to corresponding period of the previous year.

**(c):** India's total merchandise import declined by 27.9% during March- December 2020 as compared to corresponding period of the previous year.

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