

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 531
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01st DECEMBER, 2021

IMPORT FROM CHINA

531. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

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

- the year wise details of imports from China from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22;
- the year wise details of exports to China from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22;
- whether imports from China have increased during the last seven years;
- if so, the details and reasons thereof;
- whether the exports to China have declined in the last six years;
- if so, the details and the reasons thereof; and
- the steps being taken by the government to increase exports and decrease imports with regard to China?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to b): The trade data of India's exports to and imports from China from FY 2014-15 to FY 2021-22 is as under:

(Values in USD Billion)

	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Sept)
Import	60.41	61.71	61.28	76.38	70.32	65.26	65.21	42.33
Export	11.96	9.01	10.17	13.33	16.75	16.61	21.19	12.26
Total trade	72.37	70.72	71.45	89.71	87.07	81.87	86.4	54.59
Trade deficit	48.45	52.7	51.11	63.05	53.57	48.65	44.02	30.07

(Source: DGCIIS)

(c) to d): The imports from China have increased from USD 60.41 billion in 2014-15 to USD 65.21 billion in 2020-21, exhibiting an increase of 7.94% over 6 years. However, the imports were static between 2019-20 & 2020-21. The major items of import from China are products such as telecom instruments, computer hardware and peripherals, fertilizers, electronic components/ instruments, project goods, organic chemicals, drug intermediates, consumer electronics, electrical machinery etc. Many of these imported items are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like telecom and power in India. Some of our imports from China like the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and drug formulations provide the Indian pharma industry raw material for producing finished goods which are also exported out of India. The details of India's imports from China, principal commodity wise and value wise during the last seven years and the current year is given in Annexure-I.

(e) to (f): The exports from India to China have increased from USD 11.96 billion in 2014-15 to USD 21.19 billion in 2020-21, exhibiting an increase of 77.17% in 6 years.

(g) The Government of India has made sustained efforts to achieve a more balanced trade with China, including bilateral engagements to address the non-tariff barriers on Indian exports to China. The Government has also launched schemes such as Production Linked Incentive Schemes (PLIs) to promote domestic manufacturing capacities in critical sectors such as Key Starting Materials/Drug Intermediates, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients apart from electronic components & mobiles, white goods (ACs and LEDs), Specialty Steel, Drones and Drone Components etc. These schemes will promote domestic manufacturing capacities and attract investment and reduce dependency on imports from China.

Annexure-I

The details of India's imports of major commodity groups from China from FY 2014-15 to FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 (till September 2021) is as follows:

SL NO	MAJOR COMMODITY GROUPS	IMPORT FROM CHINA IN MILLION USD								
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2020-21 (APR-SEP)	2021-22 (APR-SEP)
1	COTTON RAW AND WASTE	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.10	0.37	8.07	0.02	0.00	0.00
2	VEGETABLE OIL	0.25	0.40	0.37	0.63	0.46	0.56	0.22	0.07	0.20
3	PULSES	72.34	61.44	64.81	58.11	47.86	51.58	46.36	24.92	18.13
4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	89.48	74.31	176.95	85.13	33.27	48.41	36.69	13.21	15.93
5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	16.42	14.98	19.65	17.95	21.00	24.34	20.84	10.74	14.00
6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	849.27	869.65	745.28	992.62	923.52	895.03	700.60	228.92	406.01
7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	3154.73	3268.09	1250.68	1072.58	2053.29	1820.93	1551.23	704.83	1735.00
8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRITS	0.11	0.13	0.10	0.24	0.27	0.21	0.13	0.05	0.06
9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	263.55	213.28	243.13	272.96	476.15	261.54	238.42	93.36	169.98
10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC.	423.63	364.40	402.79	642.52	698.89	160.32	20.71	9.63	180.55
11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	315.82	306.34	213.11	313.84	302.27	340.44	183.63	94.44	212.97
12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	680.31	637.41	697.74	932.58	803.99	784.43	525.75	209.13	316.12
13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	211.94	223.47	224.32	265.67	256.90	236.49	114.30	37.57	72.38
14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	4079.65	3752.95	3562.40	4750.20	5781.19	5197.64	5693.70	2733.36	4040.77
15	DYEING/TANNING/ COLOURING MTRLS.	631.54	554.58	560.10	751.13	759.89	779.54	775.01	301.96	496.01
16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	2085.81	2080.03	2270.30	2945.48	3227.06	3165.79	2741.78	970.36	2133.03
17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	1609.39	1477.09	1658.57	2230.65	2592.04	2467.49	2721.34	1305.61	1716.11
18	NEWSPRINT	26.19	0.15	0.00	0.01		0.00	0.01		
19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	31.19	45.11	45.76	107.61	64.11	61.24	45.20	11.97	31.45
20	IRON AND STEEL	4101.53	3541.11	2576.56	3090.72	3153.45	2706.35	2208.84	976.34	1356.10
21	NON-FERROUS METALS	1606.37	1352.35	1363.75	1657.52	2131.10	1855.26	1460.08	548.76	903.85
22	MACHINE TOOLS	645.33	645.45	727.52	1014.96	1142.81	1026.74	1109.88	388.19	711.73
23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	7390.79	8045.51	8395.95	10354.11	11135.68	10865.44	10220.49	3889.29	5839.41
24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3029.43	3173.47	3653.34	3758.57	2721.66	2470.58	2374.43	886.13	1384.86
25	PROJECT GOODS	1449.33	994.11	763.00	609.54	553.28	438.28	347.92	178.94	101.59

26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	469.13	477.83	525.70	807.30	815.93	758.15	930.46	421.25	955.89
27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	19727.01	22678.65	24731.24	31975.18	22737.47	21374.09	23936.27	10144.80	15291.87
28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	2280.57	2337.53	2018.78	2251.84	2630.56	2562.85	2903.41	1432.51	1764.07
29	GOLD	35.70	24.18	28.37	76.53	12.59	0.00			
30	SILVER	1141.02	384.51	440.69	326.31	321.53	46.26	51.76	47.88	4.27
31	OTHERS	3995.33	4109.44	3922.02	5018.10	4921.05	4852.68	4252.76	1710.90	2461.44
TOTAL IMPORT FROM CHINA		60413.17	61707.95	61283.03	76380.70	70319.64	65260.75	65212.25	27375.10	42333.77

(Source: DGCIS)
