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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4080 ANSWERED ON 25/03/2025

NEW TRADE WITH USA

4080. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

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

- (a) whether the Government has signed any new trade agreements with USA, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has lifted the ban on import of certain prohibited and restricted products from USA, China and UK, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any plans to seek support from USA and Israel for the supply of Active Pharmaceutical ingredients and important Chemical compounds to reduce the dependency over China; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the total value of imports made (in INR) from these countries during the last five years?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

- (a) India and USA released a joint statement on February 13, 2025, announcing to negotiate a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA).
- (b) Recently, the Government has not taken any such steps to lift ban on import of certain prohibited and restricted products from USA, China and UK.
- (c) & (d) During 6th Commercial Dialogue between India and USA, trade Ministers of both the countries expressed a shared interest in greater information exchange about their respective government's actions to address supply chain networks that underpin domestic pharmaceutical manufacturing capabilities, with a view towards strengthening the current state of the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API) industrial base, production capacities, and emergency response capabilities. The details of import of Pharmaceutical products and important Chemical compounds from USA and Israel are placed at Annexure.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4080 due for answer on 25.03.2025

India's Import of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients and Chemical Compounds

S.No.	Commodity	2019-20	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-24
INDIA IMPORT FROM USA (Values in Rs. Lacs)						
1	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	348,221.39	349,041.98	291,162.68	297,593.64	294,681.91
2	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	1,164,508.21	1,179,224.58	1,492,013.09	1,652,740.40	1,217,184.24
3	PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	223,283.50	226,728.33	405,317.35	293,642.57	325,500.17
INDIA IMPORT FROM ISRAEL (Values in Rs. Lacs)						
1	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	12,010.47	24,806.09	28,430.01	20,942.17	15,757.81
2	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	20,512.37	23,996.37	24,508.76	29,477.10	23,021.48
3	PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	6,599.45	5,790.90	9,160.30	10,060.78	10,983.70

Source: DGCIS
