

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1165
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06TH FEBRUARY, 2026**

IMPORT OF MEDICINES

1165. MR PATHAN YUSUF:

Will the **Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government imports medicines from foreign countries in quantity and value (in Rs.) during the last eleven years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (b) the details of countries from which medicines are being imported along with their share in the total import of medicines; and
- (c) whether the Government maintains data on the percentage of the total domestic medicine requirement that is imported during the last eleven years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE
(SHRI PRATAP RAO JADHAV)**

(a) to (c): As informed by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, medicines are imported into India from various countries. There is no specific Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System) code for medicine. Accordingly, the data pertains to Chapter 30 of the ITC-HS classification (Pharmaceutical Products). The country-wise details, along with their respective share in the total import of medicines during the last eleven years is available as Annexure A.

Annexure-A**Country-wise details of import of medicines into India during the last eleven years**

(for the period 2014-15 to 2024-25)

(As referred to in reply to part (a to b) of the Question)

COUNTRY	2014-15		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	60.29	408.50	4.10
CHINA P RP	960.94	807.13	8.10
DENMARK	25.43	359.04	3.60
FRANCE	129.32	631.05	6.33
GERMANY	610.75	1438.61	14.44
INDONESIA	23.79	714.27	7.17
ITALY	220.51	547.20	5.49
SWITZERLAND	72.89	797.82	8.01
U S A	1180.86	1843.55	18.51
Others (165 Countries)	2670.265	2414.132332	24.2351426
Grand Total	5955.06	9961.29	100.00

COUNTRY	2015-16		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	32.95	321.37	2.99
CHINA P RP	748.75	947.90	8.82
DENMARK	30.92	344.78	3.21
FRANCE	146.83	750.89	6.99
GERMANY	846.54	1416.67	13.19
INDONESIA	31.16	858.52	7.99
ITALY	197.82	490.42	4.57
SWITZERLAND	50.86	770.56	7.17
U S A	958.17	2063.43	19.21
Others (165 Countries)	3431.504	2777.532475	25.85655568
Grand Total	6475.50	10742.08	100.00

COUNTRY	2016-17		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	41.45	512.29	4.45
CHINA P RP	911.38	898.93	7.81
DENMARK	54.30	482.14	4.19
FRANCE	253.01	967.33	8.40
GERMANY	870.69	1669.12	14.50
INDONESIA	17.26	581.94	5.05
ITALY	159.14	481.47	4.18
SWITZERLAND	112.92	708.72	6.15
U S A	1212.11	2000.78	17.38
Others (165 Countries)	4013.626	3212.305048	27.89662661
Grand Total	7645.88	11515.03	100.00

COUNTRY	2017-18		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	46.55	551.55	4.51
CHINA P RP	1911.61	818.73	6.69
DENMARK	135.22	635.48	5.19
FRANCE	232.91	789.80	6.45
GERMANY	1206.54	1457.00	11.90
INDONESIA	15.68	484.14	3.96
ITALY	489.26	563.44	4.60
SWITZERLAND	195.17	856.18	6.99
U S A	1435.53	2051.35	16.76
Others (165 Countries)	7915.926	4033.445637	32.94993725
Grand Total	13584.39	12241.13	100.00

COUNTRY	2018-19		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	128.80	414.02	2.84
CHINA P RP	2057.35	1038.62	7.12
DENMARK	120.62	460.52	3.16
FRANCE	421.82	923.65	6.33
GERMANY	1345.67	1548.97	10.62
INDONESIA	15.18	450.67	3.09
ITALY	639.71	546.25	3.75
SWITZERLAND	532.69	2115.94	14.51
U S A	1534.78	1948.99	13.37
Others (165 Countries)	16752.44	5133.509983	35.20652276
Grand Total	23549.06	14581.13	100.00

COUNTRY	2019-20		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	116.89	557.49	3.37
CHINA P RP	2201.70	1172.71	7.09
DENMARK	119.65	599.22	3.62
FRANCE	698.73	981.56	5.94
GERMANY	1447.46	1463.37	8.85
INDONESIA	68.33	670.18	4.05
ITALY	728.97	745.02	4.51
SWITZERLAND	715.02	2206.17	13.35
U S A	1863.12	2232.83	13.51
Others (165 Countries)	19291.812	5901.816435	35.70287981
Grand Total	27251.68	16530.37	100.00

COUNTRY	2020-21		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	100.21	620.73	3.28
CHINA P RP	1571.52	1544.22	8.16
DENMARK	110.64	667.09	3.52
FRANCE	404.85	1259.85	6.65
GERMANY	952.04	1316.08	6.95
INDONESIA	76.64	463.72	2.45
ITALY	501.05	419.61	2.22
SWITZERLAND	511.89	2492.48	13.16
U S A	1330.25	2267.28	11.97
Others (165 Countries)	12100.466	7883.299762	41.63489749
Grand Total	17659.55	18934.36	100.00

COUNTRY	2021-22		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	453.38	606.40	2.37
CHINA P RP	2490.76	1579.59	6.17
DENMARK	265.13	906.09	3.54
FRANCE	926.30	943.83	3.69
GERMANY	3038.48	1930.56	7.54
INDONESIA	114.77	595.38	2.33
ITALY	1259.77	658.75	2.57
SWITZERLAND	628.72	2909.30	11.36
U S A	2374.77	4053.17	15.83
Others (165 Countries)	17919.444	11419.89478	44.60380153
Grand Total	29471.51	25602.96	100.00

COUNTRY	2022-23		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	386.82	668.16	3.18
CHINA P RP	4797.11	1391.73	6.62
DENMARK	500.18	1362.71	6.48
FRANCE	556.32	782.78	3.72
GERMANY	1248.48	1667.48	7.93
INDONESIA	154.30	691.03	3.29
ITALY	820.78	419.25	1.99
SWITZERLAND	789.36	3050.47	14.51
U S A	2165.82	2936.43	13.97
Others (165 Countries)	17672.075	8052.791163	38.30498706
Grand Total	29091.24	21022.83	100.00

COUNTRY	2023-24		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	345.09	491.09	2.29
CHINA P RP	2883.84	1459.18	6.82
DENMARK	506.41	1350.77	6.31
FRANCE	888.81	789.44	3.69
GERMANY	1838.05	1697.78	7.93
INDONESIA	223.78	912.40	4.26
ITALY	1382.48	543.58	2.54
SWITZERLAND	769.97	2697.36	12.60
U S A	3280.18	3255.00	15.21
Others (165 Countries)	13874.697	8206.138884	38.34151766
Grand Total	25993.30	21402.75	100.00

COUNTRY	2024-25		
	Quantity(Tonne)	Value (Rupees Crore)	Share in Total import (Value)
BRAZIL	490.38	637.25	2.53
CHINA P RP	2960.22	1623.87	6.44
DENMARK	474.78	1530.12	6.07
FRANCE	885.49	882.42	3.50
GERMANY	2742.80	2066.42	8.19
INDONESIA	274.85	1190.74	4.72
ITALY	2083.35	534.15	2.12
SWITZERLAND	5354.88	3232.75	12.82
U S A	2937.09	3351.79	13.29
Others (165 Countries)	11165.616	10175.04472	40.33788144
Grand Total	29369.45	25224.54	100.00
