

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1506

TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY THE 4TH MARCH, 2016
PHALGUNA 14, 1937 (SAKA)

IMPORT DUTY ON TITANIUM DIOXIDE

1506. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently revised the import duty on Titanium Dioxide Pigments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representations to enhance the import duty of TDP;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the details of the TDP imports taken place during each of the last three years and the current year, year and country-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI JAYANT SINHA)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) & (d): Pre-Budget representations were received from inter alia the Government of Kerala and certain VIP's to increase the Basic Custom Duty on Rutile Grade Titanium Dioxide Pigment from 10% to 50%. These were examined during the Budget 2016-17 exercise and the request was not acceded to.

(e): The imports of Titanium Dioxide falling under tariff item 2823 00 10 and certain pigments and preparations of Titanium Dioxide (falling under 3206 11 and 3206 19 00) during the last three years and the current financial year (upto December 2015) are as under:

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)

Sub-heading/Tariff line	F.Y. 2012-13	F.Y. 2013-14	F.Y. 2014-15	F.Y. 2015-16 (upto December, 2015)
2823 00 10	17, 825	16, 875	17, 574	12, 506
3206 11	118, 186	115, 265	120, 785	97, 512
3206 19 00	19, 181	48, 551	61, 445	53, 206

Further, the details of imports of Titanium Dioxide (falling under tariff item 2823 00 10) and certain pigments and preparations of Titanium Dioxide (falling under 3206 11 and

3206 19 00) during the last three years and the current financial year, from top three major importing countries are as under:

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)

Tariff line	Country	F.Y. 2012-13	F.Y. 2013-14	F.Y. 2014-15	F.Y. 2015-16 (upto December, 2015)
2823 00 10	China PR	4, 612	4, 968	4, 785	4, 873
2823 00 10	Korea RP	2, 500	2, 898	4, 481	2, 040
2823 00 10	Germany	2, 295	2, 384	1, 769	1, 840

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)

Sub heading	Country	F.Y. 2012-13	F.Y. 2013-14	F.Y. 2014-15	F.Y. 2015-16 (upto December, 2015)
3206 11	China PR	24, 460	35, 534	51, 636	44, 414
3206 11	USA	20, 804	16, 478	11, 900	17, 142
3206 11	Malaysia	6, 150	6, 238	7, 728	6, 516

(All figures in Metric Tonnes)

Tariff line	Country	F.Y. 2012-13	F.Y. 2013-14	F.Y. 2014-15	F.Y. 2015-16 (upto December, 2015-16)
3206 19 00	Taiwan	6, 163	20, 640	20, 060	14, 460
3206 19 00	Australia	1, 095	9, 048	13, 392	10, 500
3206 19 00	USA	6, 059	6, 407	9, 138	8, 303
