

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1304(H)  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2016

DRUG EXPORTS

1304(H). DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

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

- whether India leads in the field of drug exports and if so, the details thereof;
- the quantum of drugs exported from the country during the last three years and the current year;
- whether the drug exports from India to the United States rose 23.4% during the said period which is ahead of China's medicine export and if so, the details thereof; and
- whether India is considered internationally as the home of the safest drugs and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण) (स्वतंत्र प्रभार)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) : India exports generic pharmaceuticals and also traditional medicines. Among the generic pharmaceutical exports, India is considered a leading exporter and has 2<sup>nd</sup> position in export of generic drugs in terms of volumes. The latest data of UN comtrade is given below for the top four exporting countries for the year 2014:

(In Metric Tons)

Rank	Country	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014
1	Germany	623728	642790	640107
2	India	353548	421500	420341
3	France	342299	358682	360647
4	China	286662	324813	349940

(Source: UN Comtrade – figures are for Jan-Dec)

(b) : The quantum of Drugs exported by India during the last three years and the current year are as under ::

	2013_14	2014_15	2015_16	2016_17(APR to MAY)
<b>Commodity</b>	QTY(ton)	QTY(ton)	QTY(ton)	QTY(ton)
AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	76720.12	92059.22	95066.47	15916.94
BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	305675.88	368351.90	351530.13	58883.51
DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	353762.21	414637.06	375335.27	69190.54
<b>Total</b>	<b>736158.20</b>	<b>875048.17</b>	<b>821931.87</b>	<b>143990.99</b>

(Source DGCI&S)

(c) : Imports of Finished dosage Pharmaceuticals by USA for the last 3 years, as available in US Government website is given below.

Imports of Finished dosage Pharmaceuticals of USA from their Government web site in USDmn						
Rank	Country	Fy-13	Fy-14	Fy-15	Gr%	Contbn
1	Ireland	18585.71	20621.96	24680.10	19.68	22.79
2	Germany	11414.04	14331.89	14983.59	4.55	13.83
3	Switzerland	9310.94	10469.06	10260.06	-2.00	9.47
4	United Kingdom	4611.01	5196.54	9927.60	91.04	9.17
5	India	5112.65	5463.68	6619.03	21.15	6.11
6	Israel	5596.74	4551.78	6080.80	33.59	5.61
7	Canada	3715.98	4458.23	5306.12	19.02	4.90
8	Belgium	3408.19	4714.11	4592.82	-2.57	4.24
9	Italy	2702.87	2721.25	3631.34	33.44	3.35
10	Denmark	2829.39	3254.40	3547.68	9.01	3.28
11	Singapore	3398.87	2464.47	3217.29	30.55	2.97
12	France	2929.58	2716.33	3053.56	12.41	2.82
13	China	1716.51	1831.25	2072.03	13.15	1.91
	World Total	83956.29	91924.90	108305.98	17.82	100.00

(Source: Website of US Government – figures pertain to Oct – Sep of Fy 2013, Fy 2014 and Fy 2015).

It may be observed from the above table that India exported finished dosage pharmaceuticals worth USD 6619.03 mn during 2014-15 to USA and at the same time China exported products worth USD 2072.03 mn, which indicates that India's exports to US are ahead of China.

India's position in Global exports of finished formulations for 3 years is 11<sup>th</sup> while China's position is 18<sup>th</sup> as indicated below :

Global Exports of Finished dosage Forms in USD mn				
Rank	Country	Year 2012	Year 2013	Year 2014
11	India	9532	11596	11507
18	China	4585	4841	5180

(Source UN Comtrade)

It may be noted that during 2015-16, India's exports to US have grown by 27.8%.

(d) : India is considered as Pharmacy of the world for supply of generic medicines, as India exports generic version of drugs for almost all therapies and caters to over 200 countries across the globe. Quality wise also India is considered to be reliable supplier of quality drugs, which is evident from the fact that Indian manufacturing units have approvals from the international regulatory agencies of countries like USA, EU, South Africa and Japan.

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