

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 604**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**TEA EXPORTS**

**604. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- a) the total quantity of tea produced, consumed, exported and the foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years including its position in the world tea market;
- b) the criteria/parameters fixed laid down to maintain minimum quality level of Indian tea for its export in international market;
- c) whether a large number of tea manufacturers in the country are facing difficulties in selling tea in international markets on account of various certificates required for an export consignment;
- d) if so, the details thereof indicating the list of such certificates required including the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard; and
- e) the efforts made by the Government to facilitate export of quality tea in the world market?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

a) to e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 604 FOR ANSWER ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 REGARDING “TEA EXPORTS”**

(a): The total quantity of tea produced, consumed, exported and the foreign exchange earned during each of the last three years including its position in the world tea market is given in the following Tables:

Year	Production (M.Kgs)	World ranking	Apparent Consumption* (M.Kgs)
2011-12	1095.46	2 <sup>nd</sup>	873
2012-13	1135.07	2 <sup>nd</sup>	890
2013-14	1208.78	2 <sup>nd</sup>	911
2014-15 (P)	1174.00	2 <sup>nd</sup>	932

(P) Provisional, subject to revision

Year	Exports (M.Kgs)	Foreign exchange earned in Mill US\$	World ranking
2011-12	214.35	690.14	4 <sup>th</sup>
2012-13	216.23	735.90	4 <sup>th</sup>
2013-14	225.76	746.46	4 <sup>th</sup>
2014-15 (P)	197.81	619.96	4 <sup>th</sup>

(P) Provisional, subject to revision.

(b): Tea Board follows the parameters stipulated by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to maintain quality level in Indian tea. Tea Board of India along with Tea Research Institutes and Tea Industry Associations strongly endorse international tea quality standards (ISO 3720) to strictly comply with the guidelines of both National and International regularity bodies. International standards for tea are guided by International regulatory bodies like Codex, and individual country standards in EU, Japan, USA etc.

(c)&(d): No, Madam. At present, Tea Board issues the below mentioned certificates for an export consignment

- (i) Clearance Certificate.
- (ii) Certificate of Origin (in case of Darjeeling Tea Exports only at present).
- (iii) Health Certificate (in case of exports to Iran only)

From June, 2013, the clearance certificate is generated online immediately. The Certificate of Origin is also issued by Tea Board on the same day/the next day of submission of application. Tea Board is also issuing health certificates for each consignment exported to Iran.

(e): The Central Government had promulgated the Tea (Distribution and Export) Control Order, 2005 to ensure the quality of tea as per the prescribed national and international standards. Tea Board had also established two Tea Councils in North and South India to prevent export of tea not conforming to FSSAI standards. The Government tries to take up the causes of its exporters in international forums and bi-lateral Joint Commission Meetings whenever measures like sanitary regulations and prohibitions become Non-tariff barriers (NTB's) to tea exports.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 606**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH GERMANY**

**606. SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**  
**SHRI A.T. NANA PATIL:**

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

- a) the quantum and value of trade (Export-Import) between India and Germany during each of the last three years, commodity-wise;
- b) whether the Prime Minister has indicated change in the regulatory environment in the country during his recent visit to Germany and has impressed upon German businessmen and industrialists to invest in India;
- c) if so, the details thereof indicating the rules/regulations revised/modified or proposed to be revised/modified for facilitating foreign investment in the country; and
- d) the details of German investment in the country along with the areas identified for further co-operation and agreements/MoUs signed to boost trade and investment during the said visit?

**ANSWER**

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STARRED QUESTION NO. 606 FOR ANSWER ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 REGARDING  
“TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH GERMANY”**

(a) India Germany bilateral trade (In US\$ Million) during last three years are as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>(2012-13)</b>	<b>(2013-14)</b>	<b>2014-15 (Apr-Feb)*</b>
Exports	7,246.20	7,515.81	6,934.52
Imports	14,325.79	12,932.41	11,683.70
Total Bilateral Trade	21,571.99	20,448.22	18,618.22

\*Figures for 2014-15 (Aprl-Feb) are provisional Source: DGCI&S

List of top 10 items of exports to and imports from Germany are annexed (Annex-1). Details of Commodity wise quantum and value of trade (Export & Import) with Germany is available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely “Foreign trade Statistics of India(Principal commodities & countries)” which are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(b) & (c) During Prime Minister’s interactions with the German political leadership and industry representatives in Germany in April, 2015 he emphasised on Government’s commitment to improving the ‘ease of doing business’ in India and highlighted the policy initiatives viz. “Make in India” which encompasses policy instruments for simplification of regulatory environment in the country. Prime Minister also announced his decision to establish a mechanism for facilitating German investments into India.

(d) Germany is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest investor in India. Total FDI received in India from Germany from April 2000 to February, 2015 is US\$ 7.80 billion. There are more than 1600 Indo-German collaborations and over 600 Indo-German Joint ventures in operation. German investments have been mainly in sectors of transportation, electrical equipment, metallurgical industries, services sector (particularly insurance), chemicals, construction activity, trading and automobile.

The potential areas identified for further cooperation with Germany during Prime Minister’s visit includes vocational education and training. Urban infrastructure including smart cities, high technology, science & technology, renewable energy, railways, etc. A number of agreements/MOUs were signed during the Hannover Messe 2015, broadly convey renewable energy, skill development and sustainable urban development.

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**Annexure-I****Top 10 commodities of Import of Germany****(Value in US\$ Million)**

S.No	Commodities	(2011-12) (Apr-Mar)	(2012-13) (Apr-Mar)	(2013-14) (Apr-Mar)
1	MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC	4,805.15	4,109.78	3,502.17
2	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	1,691.14	1,786.24	1,623.66
3	ELECTRONIC GOODS	1,493.96	1,159.20	1,021.01
4	IRON & STEEL	511.83	750.85	385.39
5	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	677.82	703.7	703.37
6	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT,ETC EXCEPT ELECTRONIC	692.95	670.2	689.96
7	PROJECT GOODS	749.79	670.43	449.55
8	ARTIFICIAL RESINS,PLASTIC MATERIALS,ETC.	531.53	594.4	612.66
9	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	475.73	451.79	437.55
10	MACHINE TOOLS	437.48	390.71	316.52
11	ELECTRIC MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRONIC	492.84	385.26	406.81
12	OTHERS	2938.40	2653.23	2783.76
13	TOTAL	<b>15,498.62</b>	<b>14,325.79</b>	<b>12,932.41</b>

**Top 10 commodities of Export of Germany****(Value in US\$ Million)**

S.No	Commodities	(2011-12) (Apr-Mar)	(2012-13) (Apr-Mar)	(2013-14) (Apr-Mar)
1	READYMADE GARMENTS COTTON INCLUDING ACCESSORIES	958.56	784.57	865.93
2	MACHINERY AND INSTRUMENTS	824.51	757.35	816.87
3	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	583.74	593.14	556.56
4	DRUGS,PHRMCUTES & FINE CHEMICALS	462.42	467.72	460.64
5	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	429.91	437.95	397.36
6	ELECTRONIC GOODS	387.36	331.15	342.7
7	FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER	287.88	226.03	278.18
8	INORGANIC/ORGANIC/AGRO CHEMICALS	244.1	266.08	263.96
9	PLASTIC & LINOLEUM PRODUCTS	210.67	224.33	243.7
10	COTTON YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS ETC	258.52	202.13	231.72
12	OTHERS	3295.12	2955.75	3058.19
13	TOTAL	<b>7,942.79</b>	<b>7,246.20</b>	<b>7,515.81</b>

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**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 618**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**TRADE BALANCE WITH CHINA**

**618. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:**  
**SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:**

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

- a) whether there is any trade dispute between India and China relating to three key sector viz. Pharmaceutical, agriculture including bovine meat and IT services and the Government has raised the matter with China in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- b) whether the Government proposes to introduce standard for variety of products and subsequently impose restrictions on imports of non-essential items including pharmaceuticals, from China which do not conform to the Indian quality norms;
- c) if so, the details thereof indicating the items/products proposed to be listed in this category;
- d) the reaction/response of the Chinese Government in this regard; and
- e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure quality and standards of the imported items and to maintain balance of trade with China in particular and other countries in general?

**ANSWER**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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STARRED QUESTION NO. 618 FOR ANSWER ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 REGARDING  
“TRADE BALANCE WITH CHINA”**

(a): India has consistently sought greater market access for India's exports to China, especially in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, agriculture including bovine meat, IT services, etc. India has also sought simplification and greater transparency in China's procedures relating to registration, inspection and approvals relating to imports from India.

(b) to (d): All goods imported into India are subject to domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environment and safety norms, that are notified from time to time. There is no proposal at present to restrict imports of products, that otherwise satisfy the aforesaid conditions, including meeting the prescribed technical standards.

(e): Government has brought 92 products under compulsory Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification, by issuing quality control orders under Section 14 of the BIS Act, 1986. The use of BIS Standard Mark has been made mandatory on such products, whether manufactured in the country or imported. Further, 15 electronic and IT products are covered under Compulsory Registration Scheme of BIS, where the use of Self Declaration of Conformity statement on these products is mandatory. 15 additional products have been brought under this scheme w.e.f. 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

In order to boost exports and to maintain balance of trade with India's trade partners including China, Government has taken a number of measures which, inter-alia, include market study initiatives to identify specific product lines with export potential, actively taking up issues relating to tariff and non-tariff barriers in bilateral meetings and institutional dialogues, measures to support exports through various incentive measures and product and market specific incentive schemes etc.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6904**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**REDRESSAL OF EXPORTERS GRIEVANCES**

**6904. SHRI RABINDRA KUMAR JENA:**

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

- a) whether there is any proposal pending for setting up an institutional mechanism to address the issues of exporters;
- b) if so, the details and the present status thereof; and
- c) the present grievance redressal mechanism in place and its impact/ effectiveness in addressing the issues of exporters?

**ANSWER**

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. Two institutional mechanisms are proposed for addressing the issues of exporters and for regular communication with stakeholders, namely the "Board of Trade" which will have an advisory role and offer a platform for discussions and consultations and the other being the "Council for Trade Development and Promotion" which will be a body with representatives of Central Government and various States and UT Governments

Besides the above two institutional mechanisms, product/sector specific export promotion councils and various industry and trade bodies will continue to be the specialised institutions available for consultation from time to time.

- (c): The Government is committed to easy and speedy redressal of grievances from Trade and Industry. The following mechanisms/measures have been put in place:
- (i) Foreign Trade Policy provides for relaxation of Policy and Procedures on grounds of genuine hardship and adverse impact on trade, wherein the Director General of Foreign Trade is empowered to consider request for relaxation of policy and also to provide an opportunity for Personal Hearing (PH) before Policy Relaxation Committee (PRC), if required.
  - (ii) To consider individual grievances of exporters/importers, Grievance Committees have been constituted at Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) Headquarters and at various Regional Offices of DGFT.
  - (iii) For resolving Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) related issues/grievances of the exporters/importers, a web based complaint monitoring system is in operation. Complaints of exporters/importers are being resolved on real time basis.

- (iv) Further, a Toll Free Number (1800 111 550) and dedicated email identity <dgftedi@nic.in> have been provided for resolving EDI and Importer-Exporter Code (IEC) number related issues/ grievances of exporters/ importers.
- (v) To resolve quality complaints and trade disputes of exporters/importers, Committees on Quality Complaint and Trade Dispute (CQCTD) have been constituted in 22 offices of DGFT.
- (vi) An All India Customs Consultative Group with the objective to discuss the issues related to Customs policy as well as procedure aspects of import and export operations with various stakeholders, has been constituted in the Central Board of Customs Excise (CBEC). Arrangements for discussing and resolving such issues at the Commissionerate and Zonal level by the field formations of the CBEC are also in place.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6914**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**POLICY PAPER FOR IMPORT**

**6914. SHRI JOSE K. MANI:**

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

- a) whether the quantum of import of crude oil, fertilizers and coal have increased recently;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether a policy paper containing mechanism for import appraisal and reducing import dependence is under preparation;
- d) if so, the details thereof; and
- e) the manner in which the country's increased dependency on import of these products is likely to be taken care of in the said policy paper?

**ANSWER**

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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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(a) and (b): Details of import of crude oil, fertilizers and coal are as under:

*(Values in Million US \$)*

Sl. No	ITEMS	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15*
1	<b>Coal,Coke And Briquittes Etc</b>	<b>16995.89</b>	<b>16403.46</b>	<b>17692.07</b>
	Fertilizers Crude	1351.63	926.10	1025.43
	Fertilizers Manufactured	7403.85	5337.83	6334.80
2	<b>Fertilizers Total</b>	<b>8755.48</b>	<b>6263.93</b>	<b>7360.22</b>
3	<b>Petroleum: Crude</b>	<b>144519.72</b>	<b>143643.36</b>	<b>116442.11</b>
	<b>Grand Total (1+2+3)</b>	<b>170271.09</b>	<b>166310.75</b>	<b>141494.41</b>

\*Note: Figures for 2014-15 are provisional.

(c) to (e): Import appraisal is done on quarterly basis by the Department of Commerce to see the trend in imports. However, the issues related to strategy for reducing the high import dependency on crude oil, coal and fertilizers are being addressed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; Ministry of Coal; and Department of Fertilizers respectively.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6915**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**PRICE STABILIZATION FUND SCHEME**

**6915. SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY:**

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

- a) the objectives and salient features of the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme for the Plantation crops indicating the commodities included thereunder;
- b) the Corpus of said Fund along with the expenditure incurred therefrom during each of the last three years State/UT-wise;
- c) the progress made and the success achieved under the said scheme for providing financial relief and mitigating the suffering of the growers/farmers;
- d) whether the Government has reviewed or proposes to review the said scheme with a view to amend/modify it;
- e) if so, the details and present status thereof indicating the proposed changes; and
- f) the time by which the modified scheme is likely to be finalised?

**ANSWER**

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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(a): The Price Stabilisation Fund Scheme for the Plantation Crops, namely Tea, Coffee and Rubber was set up in 2003 with the objective of providing financial relief to growers on account of fall in the prices of commodities below a specified level. Under the scheme, growers are entitled for financial assistance at the rate of Rs one thousand only when average annual domestic price falls below twenty percent of seven years moving average of international price. The Scheme is based on contribution from the growers and the Government in varying proportions ranging from Rs five hundred to Rs one thousand depending on the year in question being a normal year, distress year or boom year. The Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) Scheme was launched initially for a period of ten years from April 2003 to March 2013. The extended Scheme period got over on 30.09.2013.

(b): The corpus of Price Stabilisation Fund consists of one time contribution of Rs 435.55 crores received from the government and the growers and stands at Rs 1011.69 crores as on 31.03.2015.

The details of year wise expenditure on account of the schemes implemented from the Price Stabilisation Fund are given below:

(Rs in thousand only)

Year	Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)	Personal Accident Insurance Scheme (PAIS)	Total
2012-13	266.5	1114.4	1380.9
2013-14	1.50	120.0	121.5
2014-15	-	-	-
Total	308.5	1899.4	2207.9

The total cumulative expenditure on of the above schemes since inception of the Fund is Rs 1.53 crores.

During calendar year 2010, 2011 and 2012 all crops were under “Boom” Category. Therefore, actual utilisation under PSF Scheme remained low.

(c): The PSF 2003 Scheme could not be effective for a number of reasons including: low financial assistance offered, assistance not linked to landholding, stringent criteria for determination of distress and the prices generally ruling high during the implementation period.

(d) to (f): The scheme is being reviewed and is at the final stages of drafting and consultation. The Department of Commerce has done extensive consultations with a view to create an insurance based scheme. It has endeavoured to address all concerns of the PSFT.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6927**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**  
**SETTING UP EXPO CENTRES/TESTING LABS**  
**FOR EXPORTS**

**6927. SHRI G. HARI:**

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

- a) whether any shortage of funds has been felt/reported for setting up of new expo centres or testing labs for export in view of direct transfer of funds to States;
- b) if so, the details thereof;
- c) whether over the past decade or so, nearly 2000 projects had been funded, which included 400 projects directly funded by the central agencies in this regard; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)  
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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- (a) & (b) Yes, Madam. In 2014-15, Rs. 674.84 cr. (RE) were allocated under ASIDE Scheme. In the Budget 2015-16, this scheme has been delinked from support of the Centre and thus no funds are allocated under State Component of ASIDE in 2015-16. Rs. 50 Cr. has been allocated under Central Component of ASIDE scheme in 2015-16 whereas Rs 110 Cr. had been allocated under Central Component of ASIDE in 2014-15.
- (c) & (d) Till now, total 1674 projects were funded with assistance of Rs. 6393.97 Cr. under the State Component of ASIDE and 474 projects were funded with assistance of Rs. 1862.19 Cr. under the Central Component of ASIDE .

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6951**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**REVENUE THROUGH SEZs**

**6951. SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:**

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to enhance the generation of revenue through Special Economic Zones (SEZs) by identifying specific product lines with export potential market study and the issues related to tariff in global market; and
- b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
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(a) and (b): On the basis of inputs/suggestions received from stakeholders on the policy and operational framework of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Scheme, Government periodically takes necessary measures so as to facilitate speedy and effective implementation of SEZ Scheme. The contribution of SEZ exports and country's exports during the last four years (upto 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014) is as under:

Sl. No.	Financial Year	Exports		
		*Total exports of the Country (Value in Rs. Crore)	Total SEZ Exports (Value in Rs. Crore)	% share of SEZ exports in the total exports of the country
1	2011-12	14,65,959	3,64,478	24.86
2	2012-13	16,35,261	4,76,159	29.12
3	2013-14	19,05,011	4,94,077	27.97
4	2014-15 (1.4.2013 to 31.12. 2014)	14,65,171	3,48,584	23.79

\*Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

Major exports from SEZs constitute a wide spectrum of goods and services ranging from Engineering, Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals, Petro chemicals, Apparels and Garments, Gems and Jewellery, IT/ITES etc.

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6955**  
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**VACANT SCs/STs POSTS**

**6955. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:**

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

- a) the sanctioned and actual strength of Scheduled Castes (SCs)/Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the Ministry at present, post-wise;
- b) whether number of posts of SCs/STs in the Ministry are lying vacant at present;
- c) if so, the details thereof, post-wise; and
- d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the vacant posts and the time by which the same are likely to be filled?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)  
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- a) to d) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
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**(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6959**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**EXPORT/IMPORT OF STEEL**

**6959. SHRI P. KUMAR:**  
**SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:**  
**SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

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

- a) the quantum and value of steel exported and imported from/to the country during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- b) whether India has become net importer of steel from the position of net exporter, thus hurting the domestic steel manufacturing sector;
- c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto;
- d) the measures taken by the Government to boost export of steel and safeguard the interests of domestic steel manufacturing sector; and
- e) whether United States has repealed the tariffs on imported steel and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a) Data pertaining to value of export and import of Iron & Steel under Chapter 72 and 73 of Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System), 2012, during the period 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 (provisional) is as under:

		EXPORTS : Value US \$ Million			IMPORTS : Value US \$ Million		
Chapter	Commodity	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(P)	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15(P)
72	Iron And Steel	8,089.44	9,223.38	8,668.49	13,615.51	9,109.58	12,335.14
73	Articles Of Iron Or Steel	7,436.27	6,807.49	7,567.45	4,101.01	3,595.90	3,956.59
	<b>Total of HS-72 &amp; HS-73</b>	<b>15,525.71</b>	<b>16,030.87</b>	<b>16,235.94</b>	<b>17,716.52</b>	<b>12,705.48</b>	<b>16,291.73</b>

*Source: DGCI&S; P: Provisional Figures*

The country-wise details of value and quantity of Iron & Steel are available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Vol. I (Exports) and Vol. II (Imports). Such CDs are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(b) & (c) India has been a net importer of steel since 2007-08 until 2013-14 when the country became a net exporter for that year only. In 2014-15 again India was a net importer of steel. In the year 2014-15, capacity utilization in the industry has improved from 80.9% in 2013-14 to 85% (Provisional). Production of crude steel also increased by 7.9% from 81.69 MT in 2013-14 to 88.12 MT in 2014-15 (Provisional).

(d) In the present deregulated market set-up, imports of steel are completely market-driven and take place mainly due to the domestic non-availability or limited availability of specialized steel products and partly due to price considerations. However, it is ensured that imports comply with steel and steel products (Quality Control) orders dated 12.03.12, as amended. Several measures taken by the Government to boost export of steel and safeguard the interests of domestic steel manufacturing sector are as under:

- The Union Budget 2015-16 has raised peak level of basic customs duty on steel to 10-15% while current import duty is at 5% for long steel and 7.5% for flat steel.
- To increase domestic value addition and improve iron ore availability for domestic steel industry at reasonable prices, duty on export of iron ore has been increased to 30%.
- The Government has imposed export duty @ 5% ad valorem on export of iron ore pellets.
- With the enactment of the Coal Mines Special Provisions Act 2015, process of auctioning of coal blocks has been started. Ministry of Steel is taking up the matter of allocation of coal blocks to steel PSUs to cater the requirement of domestic steel sector.
- Government has taken measures to boost export of certain notified goods falling under heading Iron & Steel to notified markets at the notified rates under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020.

(e) United States of America has imposed countervailing duties on imports of certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from India. At its meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2014, the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of World Trade Organisation (WTO) adopted the Appellate Body report and accordingly imposition of such countervailing duties was found to be inconsistent with WTO norms. At the DSB meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2015, the United States of America stated that it intended to implement the DSB's recommendations and ruling in a manner that respects its WTO obligations and that it would need a reasonable period of time to do so. The reasonable period of time expires on 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6985**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**AGRO PROCESSING SEZs**

**6985. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:**

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

- a) the details of Agro-processing Special Economic Zones (SEZs) established in the country, State/UT-wise;
- b) whether the Government proposes to set up additional agro-processing SEZs in the country;
- c) if so, the details and locations thereof; and
- d) whether the Government proposes to offer additional concessions based on level of value-added to products units under the SEZs and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a): Since Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Act and Rules were notified in February, 2006, formal approvals have been granted for setting up of 9 SEZs for Agro and Food Processing, out of which, 8 SEZs have been notified. A total of 4 SEZs are exporting. A statement showing list of Agro and Food Processing SEZs is at **Annexure**.

(b) and (c): In terms of SEZ Act, 2005, a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) may be set up either jointly or severally by the Central Government, State Government or any person for manufacture of goods or rendering services or for both or as a free trade warehousing zone. Such proposals duly recommended by the concerned State Government are considered by the Board of Approval for SEZs. SEZs are generally private investment driver.

(d): Fiscal benefits and duty concessions allowed to SEZ units in general are admissible in respect of unit setup by Agro and Food Processing industries as well.

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**Annexure**

<b>List of Agro and Food Processing SEZs</b>				
<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the developer</b>	<b>Type of SEZ</b>	<b>Area (In hectares)</b>	<b>SEZ status</b>
1	Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation	Agro-processing	139	Notified
2	Madhya Pradesh Audyogik Kendra Vikas (Jabalpur) Limited	Agro Based Products	101.21	Notified
3	Nagaland Industrial Development Corporation Limited	Agro and Food Processing	50	Notified
4	Ansal Colours Engineering SEZ Limited	Agro and Food Processing Products	25.69	Notified
5	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Agro Based Food Processing	12.52	Notified/Operational
6	Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB)	Food Processing	159.733	Notified/Operational
7	Parry Infrastructure Company Private Limited	Food Processing	101.12	Notified/Operational
8	Akshaypatra Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd.	Food Processing	108.30	Formal Approval
9	Pearl City (CCCL Infrastructure Limited)	Food Processing	121.50	Notified/Operational

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6988**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**IMPORT OF PLASTIC RICE**

**6988(H). DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:**

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

- a) whether the Government has taken note of import of plastic rice to Southern India thereby putting human lives in danger;
- b) if so, the facts thereof;
- c) whether the Government has conducted investigation in this regard;
- d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- e) the action taken/likely to be taken by the Government against the culprits in this regard?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (e) Import of rice is allowed only through FCI as per its Import Policy under Chapter 10 of Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System), 2012, Schedule – I (Import Policy). Further, import of rice is subject to clearance by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

Whether 'Plastic Rice' is a name given to an agricultural product- say a variety of rice, is itself unclear. As such, there is no Exim Code for 'Plastic Rice' in Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System), 2012, Schedule – I (Import Policy) and no such import of 'Plastic Rice' has been permitted.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6999**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**DISCONTINUATION OF CENTRALISED  
PAYMENT SYSTEM**

**6999. SHRI RAMA KISHORE SINGH:**

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

- a) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the centralised payment system in Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai even to MSE units against their supplies to Government departments located all over the country under Director General Supply and Disposal Rate Contract System;
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating the objective of MSME Act 2006, which envisages payment to micro small units in 30 days;
- c) whether the direct payment against supplies on DGS & D rate contract imposes a condition on the buying department to release it in 30 days or the MSE units shall be eligible to invest as stipulated in MSME Act 2006; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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- a) to d): Yes, Madam. Based on the recommendation of Committee on Public Procurement (CoPP) the Government has issued a Correction Slip in the year 2013, whereby, indenting departments have been authorized to make payment directly to the suppliers including MSE Units against their supplies within sixty days.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7003**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**TRADE WITH SOUTH ASIAN COUNTRIES**

**7003. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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

- a) the quantum and value of trade (exports and imports) with South Asian countries during each of the last three years, country and commodity-wise;
- b) the share of trade with South Asian countries against country's total trade during the said period;
- c) whether there is a decrease in trade with South Asian countries during the said period and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- d) the efforts made by the Government to boost trade relations with South Asian countries?

**ANSWER**

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

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- (a) & (b) The value of trade (exports and imports) with South Asian countries during last three years is given below:

Dated: 05/05/2015  
Values in US \$ Millions

S.No.	Country	2012-2013			2013-2014			2014-2015 (April-February) (Provisional)		
		Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
	<b>South Asia</b>									
1.	AFGHANISTAN	472.63	159.55	632.18	474.34	208.77	683.10	390.10	245.09	635.19
2.	BANGLADESH	5,144.99	639.33	5,784.32	6,166.97	484.34	6,651.30	5,725.99	532.91	6,258.90
3.	BHUTAN	233.22	164.00	397.22	355.60	152.17	507.77	292.20	138.08	430.27
4.	MALDIVES	122.36	6.29	128.65	106.07	3.97	110.05	139.95	4.00	143.95
5.	NEPAL	3,088.84	543.10	3,631.94	3,592.30	529.93	4,122.23	4,062.37	577.77	4,640.15
6.	PAKISTAN	2,064.89	541.87	2,606.75	2,274.30	426.88	2,701.18	1,717.82	453.34	2,171.16
7.	SRI LANKA	3,983.87	625.81	4,609.68	4,534.35	666.93	5,201.27	6,230.20	659.66	6,889.86
	<b>Total of South Asia</b>	<b>15,110.80</b>	<b>2,679.95</b>	<b>17,790.74</b>	<b>17,503.92</b>	<b>2,472.98</b>	<b>19,976.89</b>	<b>18,558.63</b>	<b>2,610.85</b>	<b>21,169.48</b>
	<i>% Share in India's total</i>	<i>5.03</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>2.24</i>	<i>5.57</i>	<i>0.55</i>	<i>2.61</i>	<i>6.53</i>	<i>0.63</i>	<i>3.04</i>
	<b>India's total</b>	<b>300,400.68</b>	<b>490,736.65</b>	<b>791,137.33</b>	<b>314,405.30</b>	<b>450,199.79</b>	<b>764,605.09</b>	<b>284,350.29</b>	<b>411,742.93</b>	<b>696,093.21</b>

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata

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Region-wise value of trade (exports and imports) are given in the Annexure.

- (c) No Madam,

(d) Government has taken step to improve the trade infrastructure with South Asian countries. South Asian Foreign Trade Agreement (SAFTA) provisions have also been liberalized by India/SAARC countries to encourage greater trade.

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## Annexure

Department of Commerce  
**Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 5.0**  
 Export :: Region-wise all Commodities

Dated: 5/5/2015  
 Values in US \$ Million

S.No.	Commodity	Mar 2013	Mar 2014	%Growth	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014	%Growth Region: South Asia
1.	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	229.37	292.00	27.31	1,772.71	2,517.46	42.01
2.	PETROLEUM (CRUDE & PRODUCTS)	144.36	216.67	50.10	1,917.31	1,946.62	1.53
3.	COTTON YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	131.26	146.08	11.30	1,345.02	1,399.36	4.04
4.	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	180.76	157.40	-12.92	1,004.05	1,043.89	3.97
5.	MACHINERY AND INSTRUMENTS	90.02	94.51	4.98	809.08	882.90	9.12
6.	PRMRY & SEMI-FNSHD IRON & STL	44.58	73.94	65.86	570.71	738.76	29.45
7.	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	60.08	71.77	19.47	534.91	672.94	25.80
8.	DRUGS,PHRMCUTES & FINE CHEMLS	54.67	60.13	10.00	568.95	651.10	14.44
9.	OIL MEALS	63.19	68.94	9.10	584.00	628.99	7.70
10.	WHEAT	58.61	35.41	-39.58	533.73	603.35	13.05
11.	PLASTIC & LINOLEUM PRODUCTS	45.37	49.26	8.57	435.25	569.64	30.88
12.	FRESH VEGETABLES	28.67	36.69	27.94	252.86	413.46	63.51
13.	OTHER COMMODITIES	29.79	28.50	-4.34	347.51	394.65	13.56
14.	RICE (OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	14.12	71.67	407.65	135.85	384.91	183.34
15.	DYES/INTMDTES & COAR TAR CHEML	30.65	29.06	-5.19	284.88	319.75	12.24
16.	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	41.42	25.49	-38.46	372.19	293.09	-21.25
17.	GLS/GLSWR/CERMCS/REFTRS/CMNT/	23.75	30.19	27.11	272.24	291.87	7.21
18.	INORGANIC/ORGANIC/AGRO CHEMLS	24.03	23.01	-4.27	241.09	263.05	9.11
19.	SPICES	25.59	29.30	14.52	195.60	242.57	24.02
20.	PAPER/WOOD PRODUCTS	17.73	20.17	13.74	205.12	234.37	14.26
21.	COSMETICS/TOILETRIES ETC.	21.43	22.54	5.15	192.27	232.76	21.06
22.	OTHER CEREALS	6.54	12.56	92.14	88.95	212.79	139.23
23.	RUBR MFD. PRDCTS EXCPT FOOTWR	14.86	18.26	22.89	182.60	201.74	10.48
24.	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	18.37	18.10	-1.43	142.20	192.06	35.06
25.	ELECTRONIC GOODS	13.73	20.61	50.07	151.74	173.09	14.07
26.	COAL	34.67	18.82	-45.72	154.96	172.07	11.04
27.	DAIRY PRODUCTS	10.83	16.52	52.53	72.77	160.89	121.08
28.	SUGAR	2.92	24.78	749.82	314.70	149.99	-52.34
29.	OTHER ORES AND MINERALS	8.01	10.73	34.01	108.23	106.88	-1.25
30.	RESIDL CHEMICL & ALLIED PRDCTS	7.36	12.84	74.53	97.94	105.25	7.46
31.	MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE	10.27	10.95	6.58	86.31	100.68	16.64
32.	FRESH FRUITS	7.70	13.95	81.29	81.87	98.53	20.36
33.	PAINTS/ENAMELS/VARNISHES ETC.	7.83	9.75	24.57	80.10	99.04	23.64
34.	PULSES	6.73	2.75	-59.11	70.17	81.26	15.82
35.	IRON&STL BAR/ROD ETC	4.21	4.35	3.33	63.04	80.01	26.91
36.	NON-FERROUS METALS	6.01	5.61	-6.77	71.96	79.00	9.78
37.	TEA	3.89	4.12	6.06	59.66	68.31	14.50
38.	RMG COTTON INCL ACCESSORIES	5.04	7.02	39.21	50.32	66.62	32.40
39.	MARINE PRODUCTS	3.48	8.42	141.64	48.26	61.98	28.42
40.	GEMS & JEWELLARY	4.48	6.13	37.03	77.78	63.20	-18.74
41.	RMG OF OTHR TEXTLE MATRL	3.39	4.53	33.44	54.57	51.96	-4.78
42.	PROCESSED MINERALS	2.88	5.05	75.32	57.22	47.60	-16.82
43.	FERRO ALLOYS	4.06	2.60	-35.83	35.82	41.88	16.93
44.	RMG MANMADE FIBRES	3.18	5.35	68.37	41.63	39.18	-5.89
45.	PROJECT GOODS	0.01	6.41	73,521.84	3.87	26.03	572.00
46.	ALUMINIUM OTHR THAN PRDCTS	3.92	2.59	-33.87	51.61	26.51	-48.63

47.	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	2.30	2.90	26.07	23.22	21.88	-5.75
48.	SPIRIT & BEVERAGES	1.57	1.84	17.69	18.05	22.00	21.88
49.	FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	2.97	3.03	2.03	23.90	19.90	-16.74
50.	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED	1.77	1.61	-8.93	28.42	17.71	-37.68
51.	FINISHED LEATHER	0.93	1.18	26.79	13.47	15.73	16.75
52.	MEAT & PREPARATIONS	0.96	1.25	30.34	12.12	15.03	24.01
53.	MACHINE TOOLS	1.79	1.14	-36.48	22.19	14.19	-36.06
54.	GROUNDNUT	0.40	0.73	82.62	16.16	12.54	-22.40
55.	POULTRY PRODUCTS	0.63	0.96	52.60	19.81	11.76	-40.66
56.	PROCESSED FRUITS & JUICES	0.73	0.61	-16.12	8.47	10.66	25.89
57.	RESIDUAL ENGINEERING ITEMS	1.03	0.86	-16.27	8.77	10.61	21.02
58.	SHELLAC	1.10	0.46	-57.66	10.65	10.27	-3.60
59.	RMG SILK	0.60	0.42	-29.18	9.89	9.82	-0.68
60.	FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER	0.93	1.32	42.63	12.58	9.11	-27.56
61.	RMG WOOL	0.29	0.33	16.01	3.10	7.82	152.64
62.	PROCESSED VEGETABLES	0.45	0.69	55.05	5.86	7.47	27.56
63.	COMP.SOFTWARE IN PHYSICAL FORM	1.10	1.97	78.52	5.59	6.79	21.35
64.	CASHEW	0.38	0.21	-44.41	4.38	5.89	34.33
65.	WOLLEN YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	0.59	0.70	19.03	3.95	5.86	48.30
66.	NATRL SILK YARN,FABRICS,MADEUP	0.03	0.32	930.19	1.15	5.27	360.14
67.	GUERGUM MEAL	0.28	0.11	-61.72	2.85	4.05	42.23
68.	FOOTWEAR OF RUBBER/CANVAS ETC.	0.23	0.42	79.16	3.12	3.66	17.36
69.	SPORTS GOODS	0.35	0.33	-5.42	3.87	3.58	-7.40
70.	COFFEE	0.09	0.25	174.65	2.96	3.46	17.19
71.	LEATHER FOOTWEAR COMPONENTS	0.29	0.07	-74.58	0.96	2.74	186.67
72.	RICE -BASMOTI	0.03	0.13	325.08	5.82	2.43	-58.30
73.	LEATHER GOODS	0.12	0.25	107.12	1.96	2.19	11.85
74.	JUTE MFS EXCLUDING FLOOR CVRNG	0.49	0.31	-36.31	3.89	2.05	-47.35
75.	SESAME SEEDS	0.10	0.04	-58.62	1.02	1.16	13.89
76.	OTHER JUTE MANUFACTURES	0.09	0.04	-53.98	1.38	0.90	-34.55
77.	HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMADE CRPTS)	0.71	0.03	-96.12	2.19	0.74	-66.34
78.	CASTOR OIL	0.02	0.06	134.32	0.61	0.68	10.72
79.	COIR & COIR MANUFACTURES	0.02	0.11	383.64	0.59	0.67	12.07
80.	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS	0.03	0.02	-29.71	0.42	0.56	32.80
81.	JUTE HESSIAN	0.02	0.07	231.19	0.47	0.54	14.48
82.	CARPET(EXCL. SILK) HANDMADE	0.05	0.02	-50.62	0.85	0.51	-39.22
83.	MOLLASES	0.03	0.01	-57.14	0.74	0.46	-37.88
84.	NIGER SEEDS				0.09	0.35	304.20
85.	MICA	0.04	0.04	-12.70	0.90	0.22	-75.25
86.	LEATHER GARMENTS	0.03	0.00	-96.84	0.06	0.12	93.13
87.	JUTE YARN	0.01	0.01	-16.67	0.22	0.11	-53.16
88.	IRON ORE	0.03			0.11	0.10	-5.92
89.	SILK WASTE	0.01			0.09	0.09	8.24
90.	FLOOR COVERING OF JUTE	0.00	0.02	2,522.22	0.03	0.06	152.96
91.	SADDLERY AND HARNES	0.00			0.21	0.04	-79.58
92.	SILK CARPET				0.02	0.04	131.61
93.	CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID				0.02	0.02	22.84
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,577.40</b>	<b>1,860.41</b>	<b>17.94</b>	<b>15,110.77</b>	<b>17,503.89</b>	<b>15.84</b>

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S.No.	Commodity	Mar 2013	Mar 2014	%Growth	Apr-Mar 2013	Apr-Mar 2014	%Growth Region: South Asia
1.	OTHER COMMODITIES	35.80	37.61	5.06	386.47	373.22	-3.43
2.	FRUITS & NUTS EXCL CASHEW NUTS	28.47	24.49	-13.99	302.88	351.48	16.05
3.	SPICES	13.77	16.19	17.63	177.12	204.34	15.37
4.	PETROLEUM, CRUDE & PRODUCTS	20.66	2.08	-89.93	71.46	169.30	136.90
5.	OTH TXT YRN,FABS,MADEUP ARTL	10.02	9.95	-0.65	115.74	129.07	11.52
6.	READYMADE G-MENTS(WOVN&KNIT)	9.72	8.51	-12.45	92.82	124.47	34.10
7.	IRON & STEEL	5.13	5.05	-1.50	132.20	97.23	-26.46
8.	PRIMRY STEL,PIG IRON BASD ITMS	7.61	8.52	11.93	95.03	93.65	-1.45
9.	ARTFCL RESNS,PLSTC MATRLS,ETC.	5.50	6.11	11.13	82.42	66.96	-18.76
10.	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	0.43	1.09	152.87	127.90	54.17	-57.64
11.	MADEUP TEXTILE ARTICLES	7.46	3.08	-58.74	105.50	55.83	-47.09
12.	METALIFERS ORES & METAL SCRAP	7.11	4.58	-35.53	211.44	50.82	-75.96
13.	M-MADE FMNT/SPUN YRN(INC.WAS)	2.31	0.93	-59.70	61.69	49.90	-19.12
14.	NON-FERROUS METALS	4.25	2.03	-52.13	66.17	48.38	-26.89
15.	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	3.65	5.24	43.55	60.13	47.04	-21.76
16.	ELEC MACHRY EXCPT ELECTRONIC	3.07	3.57	16.28	34.34	44.33	29.09
17.	CEMENT	5.48	9.13	66.57	52.04	42.77	-17.81
18.	NON-METLC MNRL MNFS EXCL PERLS	3.89	3.94	1.46	38.71	39.78	2.78
19.	LEATHER	2.86	5.35	86.96	17.80	33.87	90.34
20.	OIL SEEDS	0.31	2.14	586.08	4.23	31.73	650.95
21.	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	3.01	0.15	-95.00	40.11	30.50	-23.97
22.	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	2.63	3.07	16.76	25.75	28.72	11.54
23.	COTTON RAW:COMB./UNCOMB./WASTE	1.27	2.71	114.20	44.18	26.65	-39.68
24.	JUTE, RAW	5.63	0.58	-89.63	68.48	25.71	-62.45
25.	TEA	1.18	0.55	-53.68	22.56	22.63	0.32
26.	COTTON YARN & FABRICS	2.10	1.64	-22.01	20.61	22.06	7.04
27.	PAPER BOARD & MANUFACTURES	2.53	1.84	-26.97	25.69	21.35	-16.90
28.	WOOLEN AND COTTON RAGS ETC.	0.95	1.87	98.01	13.69	18.24	33.16
29.	CHEMICAL MATRL & PRODCTS	1.60	1.89	18.62	13.66	17.11	25.29
30.	MACHRY EXCPT ELEC & ELECTRONIC	2.11	1.09	-48.58	23.28	17.15	-26.32
31.	WOOL, RAW	1.36	1.39	1.89	10.32	13.66	32.40
32.	ESSENTIAL OIL & COSMETIC PREPN	1.02	1.05	2.89	12.50	13.62	8.96
33.	HANDLOOM PRODUCTS	1.59	1.24	-21.96	11.82	12.78	8.17
34.	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	0.92	0.70	-23.31	11.53	12.27	6.49
35.	NATURAL RUBBER	1.00	1.43	42.11	25.09	11.54	-54.02
36.	CEREAL PREPARATION	0.17	0.44	162.22	8.13	10.93	34.35

37.	MEDICINAL & PHARMACUTICAL PRODUCTS	0.06	0.38	536.97	7.52	8.96	19.10
38.	DYING, TANNING, COLORING MATERIALS	0.32	0.38	17.28	7.99	6.37	-20.38
39.	SUGAR	4.20			6.75	6.32	-6.30
40.	PULSES	1.15	0.46	-59.63	3.06	6.04	97.24
41.	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	0.68	0.36	-46.78	9.89	5.53	-44.11
42.	PEARLS, PRECIOUS SEMIPRECIOUS STONES	0.39	0.51	30.60	2.25	5.30	135.30
43.	ELECTRONIC GOODS	0.26	0.65	150.27	4.07	4.61	13.30
44.	COAL, COKE & BRIQUETTES ETC.	0.00	0.07	2,006.06	0.53	3.28	517.46
45.	VEGETABLE OILS FIXED (EDIBLE)	0.27	0.13	-52.65	10.14	3.25	-67.95
46.	OTHER CRUDE MINERALS	0.25	0.31	21.48	2.89	2.86	-1.16
47.	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENTS, ETC EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	0.14	0.17	22.66	2.50	2.69	7.26
48.	RAW HIDES & SKINS	0.40	0.36	-9.70	3.52	2.09	-40.71
49.	PRINTED BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS, JOURNALS ETC	0.24	0.04	-84.97	3.01	1.34	-55.63
50.	SYNTHETIC & REGENERATED FIBRES	0.00	0.11	56,900.00	0.01	0.56	4,248.84
51.	MACHINE TOOLS	0.10	0.00	-99.01	0.78	0.21	-72.71
52.	CASHEW NUTS		0.02		0.06	0.11	83.12
53.	OTHER CEREAL	0.03	0.04	40.28	0.14	0.07	-46.74
54.	SILK YARN & FABRICS	0.02	0.00	-98.42	0.11	0.07	-37.31
55.	WOOLLEN YARN & FABRICS	0.26			0.32	0.04	-87.17
56.	SYNTHETIC & RECLAIMED RUBBER				0.01	0.01	67.74
57.	FERTILIZERS, CRUDE				0.47	0.00	-99.06
58.	SULPHUR & UNROASTED IRON PYRITES		0.00			0.00	
59.	SILK, RAW						
60.	RICE				0.00		
61.	COMPUTER SOFTWARE IN PHYSICAL FORM				0.00		
62.	GOLD						
63.	SILVER						
64.	PROJECT GOODS				0.40		
65.	NEWSPRINT						
66.	FERTILIZERS MANUFACTURED				0.02		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>215.31</b>	<b>185.24</b>	<b>-13.96</b>	<b>2,679.93</b>	<b>2,472.97</b>	<b>-7.72</b>

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S.No.	Commodity	Feb 2014	Feb 2015(P)	%Growth	Apr-Feb 2014	Apr-Feb 2015(P)	%Growth Region: South Asia
1.	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	204.61	191.55	-6.38	1,729.95	2,006.95	16.01
2.	AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT AND PARTS	0.03	0.07	109.09	793.89	1,755.57	121.13
3.	IRON AND STEEL	79.64	67.45	-15.31	777.81	911.91	17.24
4.	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)	67.30	49.78	-26.03	313.24	874.88	179.30
5.	SHIP, BOAT AND FLOATING STRUCT	66.78	61.41	-8.03	283.01	827.91	192.54
6.	MOTOR VEHICLE/CARS	45.81	64.19	40.13	471.22	671.91	42.59
7.	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	75.09	67.03	-10.73	601.16	668.86	11.26
8.	COTTON YARN	66.59	61.04	-8.34	659.47	663.78	0.65
9.	COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	59.20	61.42	3.76	599.81	646.22	7.74
10.	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	174.60	78.26	-55.17	886.50	590.41	-33.40
11.	INDL. MACHNRY FOR DAIRY ETC	36.53	40.66	11.32	384.09	446.01	16.12
12.	TWO AND THREE WHEELERS	23.81	29.87	25.44	264.16	438.34	65.94
13.	OIL MEALS	53.59	41.70	-22.20	560.05	393.48	-29.74
14.	PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	25.69	27.51	7.11	351.49	372.18	5.89
15.	FRESH VEGETABLES	23.20	19.69	-15.13	385.55	368.43	-4.44
16.	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS	26.97	39.95	48.17	356.18	357.80	0.46
17.	WHEAT	58.80	8.91	-84.85	567.94	338.77	-40.35
18.	OTHER COMMODITIES	17.36	15.57	-10.34	231.40	287.99	24.46
19.	AUTO COMPONENTS/PARTS	17.83	21.70	21.75	177.25	270.12	52.40
20.	COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	19.22	21.47	11.68	196.46	223.58	13.81
21.	ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPME	11.38	15.70	37.95	154.82	208.32	34.55
22.	CMNT, CLINKR AND ASBSTOS CMNT	18.62	21.44	15.12	175.95	207.43	17.89
23.	PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND PRODUCT	13.51	15.51	14.81	174.09	203.21	16.73
24.	SPICES	25.15	15.73	-37.45	171.99	193.18	12.32
25.	DYES	14.99	14.73	-1.73	134.95	189.16	40.17
26.	BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES	13.02	17.26	32.52	157.34	182.06	15.71
27.	RESIDUL CHEMICL AND ALLED PROD	13.36	17.48	30.87	146.95	180.11	22.57
28.	OTHER CEREALS	20.44	16.17	-20.92	200.22	176.18	-12.01
29.	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	19.96	7.55	-62.15	217.89	174.83	-19.76
30.	PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL	12.43	12.50	0.50	160.55	160.87	0.20
31.	AUTO TYRES AND TUBES	11.41	12.36	8.31	147.07	151.60	3.08
32.	MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE	8.64	7.60	-12.12	92.28	98.27	6.49
33.	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	6.50	8.79	35.31	87.24	97.35	11.60
34.	ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM	8.31	15.83	90.48	88.17	96.73	9.71
35.	FRESH FRUITS	8.88	5.51	-37.94	83.02	96.78	16.57
36.	SUGAR	20.97	18.54	-11.60	125.21	90.18	-27.98
37.	COAL,COKE AND BRIQUITTES ETC	26.55	3.35	-87.40	168.62	87.85	-47.90
38.	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	8.14	8.29	1.85	95.12	86.55	-9.01
39.	DAIRY PRODUCTS	23.04	9.15	-60.27	144.39	86.07	-40.39

40.	AC, REFRIGERATION MACHNRY ETC	8.98	9.83	9.44	63.14	84.28	33.48
41.	ELECTRONICS INSTRUMENTS	3.55	19.89	460.35	53.86	78.94	46.56
42.	PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC	6.17	6.91	12.07	62.11	78.77	26.82
43.	CERAMICS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	4.70	5.07	7.84	40.83	76.61	87.65
44.	OTHER CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY	10.24	5.39	-47.40	54.17	75.35	39.09
45.	PLASTC SHT, FILM, PLTS ETC	5.36	6.11	13.98	66.84	75.28	12.62
46.	AGRO CHEMICALS	4.03	4.46	10.60	70.24	74.50	6.07
47.	OTH TXTL YRN, FBRIC MDUP ARTCL	5.78	5.59	-3.41	69.11	72.41	4.77
48.	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	3.81	5.63	47.80	59.38	71.55	20.50
49.	BULK MINERALS AND ORES	5.62	4.69	-16.47	53.80	69.62	29.41
50.	PULSES	3.56	3.40	-4.43	78.58	68.34	-13.02
51.	BICYCLE AND PARTS	5.70	6.34	11.34	61.75	65.02	5.30
52.	RMG MANMADE FIBRES	3.14	6.37	102.92	33.82	64.05	89.39
53.	RMG OF OTHR TEXTLE MATRL	3.03	3.21	5.67	47.43	61.68	30.03
54.	MARINE PRODUCTS	7.53	4.88	-35.19	53.56	60.02	12.06
55.	OTHR RUBBER PRODC EXCPT FOOTW	4.40	4.43	0.63	45.05	57.82	28.34
56.	HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMADE CRPTS)	3.47	5.17	49.08	51.71	56.82	9.89
57.	RMG COTTON INCL ACCESSORIES	5.26	5.98	13.73	61.15	54.70	-10.55
58.	MOULDED AND EXTRUDED GOODS	5.00	5.72	14.51	45.33	51.79	14.25
59.	COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR	2.97	4.46	50.19	33.27	49.84	49.81
60.	GLASS AND GLASSWARE	4.78	3.94	-17.42	45.00	49.37	9.70
61.	GRANIT, NATRL STONE AND PRODC	4.33	5.32	22.85	30.47	46.87	53.82
62.	ACCUMULATORS AND BATTERIES	4.76	4.61	-3.15	33.03	45.63	38.15
63.	ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS	2.50	3.44	37.37	48.46	45.02	-7.10
64.	NUCLER REACTR, INDL BOILR, PRT	1.60	3.24	102.67	27.23	44.41	63.08
65.	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	3.40	2.37	-30.20	36.77	40.94	11.36
66.	ZINC AND PRODUCTS MADE OF ZINC	2.08	3.90	87.67	34.58	39.52	14.28
67.	CONSUMER ELECTRONICS	4.70	6.39	35.92	29.10	39.53	35.82
68.	OTHER MISC. ENGINEERING ITEMS	2.28	3.78	65.69	31.08	39.63	27.52
69.	MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUM	2.61	2.81	7.45	30.11	36.17	20.12
70.	RAILWY TRNSPRT EQUIPMNTS, PRTS	3.46	0.10	-97.07	84.48	34.03	-59.72
71.	CRANES, LIFTS AND WINCHES	3.43	1.45	-57.62	22.54	33.06	46.70
72.	TEA	7.13	4.29	-39.82	64.19	32.59	-49.23
73.	BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRNTNG	1.80	1.89	4.80	31.92	32.20	0.89
74.	PEARL, PRECS, SEMIPRECS STONES	1.66	2.16	30.20	17.52	32.00	82.65
75.	OTH NON FEROUS METAL AND PRODC	2.13	2.25	5.50	25.07	31.09	23.99
76.	GROUNDNUT	0.67	0.78	15.27	11.80	28.76	143.61
77.	PUMPS OF ALL TYPES	2.03	2.08	2.48	20.53	29.01	41.33
78.	SURGICALS	2.03	1.45	-28.60	26.95	28.58	6.05
79.	PACKAGING MATERIALS	2.10	2.21	5.29	19.45	27.76	42.70
80.	PROCESSED MINERALS	3.01	1.94	-35.38	23.29	27.63	18.63

81.	OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS	2.78	1.21	-56.60	19.06	26.52	39.19
82.	FERTILEZERS MANUFACTURED	0.14	9.43	6,508.06	19.86	24.61	23.92
83.	IC ENGINES AND PARTS	1.09	1.32	21.01	20.40	24.65	20.87
84.	ATM, INJCTNG MLDING MCHNRY ETC	1.77	2.63	48.70	19.37	24.34	25.68
85.	OTHER CRUDE MINERALS	2.40	1.88	-21.57	17.33	23.87	37.78
86.	MACHINE TOOLS	1.10	5.69	414.96	12.98	23.46	80.80
87.	COCOA PRODUCTS	1.23	1.86	51.29	16.26	20.55	26.43
88.	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED	2.57	2.08	-19.03	16.10	20.43	26.91
89.	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	0.99	1.62	63.37	18.98	18.91	-0.35
90.	HND TOOL, CTTNG TOOL OF METALS	1.52	1.31	-13.77	14.33	18.09	26.24
91.	FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS	2.51	0.24	-90.29	16.87	17.91	6.14
92.	OTHER MISCELLAENIOUS CHEMICALS	1.18	1.42	20.09	16.66	16.74	0.46
93.	FINISHED LEATHER	1.58	0.76	-51.59	14.55	16.67	14.56
94.	JUTE, RAW	1.24	0.75	-39.42	17.24	16.59	-3.78
95.	BUFFALO MEAT	1.19	1.18	-0.41	9.58	15.19	58.57
96.	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.25	1.25	-0.04	17.75	14.58	-17.87
97.	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	1.23	0.92	-25.06	11.79	14.43	22.37
98.	PLYWOOD AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	1.00	1.09	8.38	12.01	14.24	18.61
99.	TELECOM INSTRUMENTS	1.75	1.79	2.53	15.74	13.81	-12.27
100.	LEAD AND PRODUCTS MADE OF LED	1.27	1.10	-12.96	11.60	13.53	16.70
101.	POULTRY PRODUCTS	0.92	0.51	-43.85	13.51	12.27	-9.18
102.	STATIONRY/OFFCE, SCHOOL SUPPLY	1.56	1.13	-27.38	11.84	11.61	-1.93
103.	FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER	0.85	0.83	-2.76	7.79	10.29	32.03
104.	PROJECT GOODS	0.02	0.02	16.23	19.63	8.77	-55.33
105.	RMG SILK	0.30	1.35	352.51	9.40	8.54	-9.17
106.	MILLED PRODUCTS	1.39	0.29	-78.85	13.48	8.24	-38.91
107.	GRAPHITE, EXPLSIVS AND ACCESOR	0.44	0.61	38.99	7.38	7.84	6.16
108.	DYE INTERMEDIATES	0.95	0.40	-57.42	5.55	7.67	38.23
109.	PROCESSED VEGETABLES	0.61	0.90	46.34	6.65	7.32	10.04
110.	WOLLEN YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	0.23	0.87	280.48	6.14	7.01	14.18
111.	OTHER OIL SEEDS	0.08	0.12	51.69	11.70	6.86	-41.38
112.	COMPUTER HARDWARE, PERIPHERALS	0.46	0.30	-34.47	5.42	6.53	20.49
113.	SHELLAC	0.19	0.00	-98.70	9.80	6.08	-37.98
114.	OPTICAL ITEMS (INCL.LENS ETC)	0.20	0.44	114.55	5.26	5.57	5.93
115.	SPORTS GOODS	0.36	0.29	-18.43	3.25	5.57	71.30
116.	GOLD AND OTH PRECS METL JWLERY	0.01	0.19	1,533.90	3.27	5.43	66.18
117.	ESSENTIAL OILS	0.28	0.29	3.07	4.59	5.48	19.36
118.	FOOTWEAR OF RUBBER/CANVAS ETC.	0.46	0.42	-10.65	3.27	4.99	52.77
119.	CASHEW	0.71	0.18	-74.24	5.68	3.99	-29.66
120.	GUERGAM MEAL	0.64	0.30	-52.63	3.94	3.57	-9.52
121.	RICE -BASMOTI	0.18	0.53	187.19	2.30	3.45	49.80
122.	NATRL SILK YARN,FABRICS,MADEUP	0.29	0.22	-24.83	4.96	3.35	-32.57
123.	RMG WOOL	0.36	0.09	-75.39	7.49	3.30	-55.98
124.	CARPET(EXCL. SILK) HANDMADE	0.06	0.04	-41.05	0.51	3.24	529.93
125.	COFFEE	0.28	0.18	-36.22	3.21	3.10	-3.37
126.	HANDLOOM PRODUCTS	0.40	0.43	6.40	2.51	3.02	20.69
127.	OFFICE EQUIPMENTS	0.32	0.23	-26.73	2.77	2.92	5.55

128.	VEGETABLE OILS	0.15	0.14	-7.80	1.89	2.73	44.57
129.	ELECTRODES	0.18	0.13	-25.84	1.67	2.39	43.37
130.	LEATHER GOODS	0.12	0.17	44.34	1.94	2.13	9.69
131.	SESAME SEEDS	0.03	0.07	98.55	1.12	1.89	69.62
132.	NEWSPRINT	0.06	0.10	70.70	1.13	1.20	5.59
133.	COIR AND COIR MANUFACTURES	0.04	0.06	44.27	0.56	1.01	80.96
134.	LEATHER FOOTWEAR COMPONENT	0.18	0.03	-83.89	2.67	1.01	-62.12
135.	OTHER JUTE MANUFACTURES	0.07	0.11	68.57	0.86	0.93	8.63
136.	SULPHUR, UNROASTED IRON PYRITE	0.11	0.07	-39.69	2.12	0.90	-57.41
137.	NICKEL, PRODUCT MADE OF NICKEL	0.06	0.05	-17.25	0.62	0.61	-2.64
138.	CASTOR OIL	0.03	0.04	25.60	0.62	0.60	-3.60
139.	FERTILEZERS CRUDE	0.09	0.02	-72.27	0.44	0.56	26.97
140.	NATURAL RUBBER	0.00	0.08	3,800.00	7.95	0.50	-93.73
141.	JUTE HESSIAN	0.05	0.01	-76.21	0.47	0.49	3.59
142.	OTHER MEAT				0.51	0.41	-20.18
143.	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS	0.03	0.05	68.98	0.54	0.38	-29.88
144.	OTHER WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS		0.00		0.04	0.36	809.90
145.	HUMAN HAIR, PRODUCTS THEREO	0.00	0.03	578.26	0.09	0.29	229.27
146.	TIN AND PRODUCTS MADE OF TIN	0.03	0.02	-14.89	0.36	0.28	-22.50
147.	MOLLASES	0.01	0.04	448.44	0.44	0.27	-39.06
148.	LEATHER GARMENTS	0.00	0.03	959.26	0.12	0.25	111.44
149.	SHEEP/GOAT MEAT	0.09	0.03	-65.40	0.98	0.24	-75.71
150.	MICA	0.02	0.00	-80.13	0.18	0.21	13.37
151.	PRIME MICA AND MICA PRODUCTS	0.02	0.02	34.59	0.20	0.16	-18.37
152.	RAW HIDES AND SKINS	0.01			0.03	0.13	323.55
153.	SILK,RAW				0.04	0.09	156.18
154.	JUTE YARN		0.02		0.10	0.08	-15.49
155.	SILK CARPET				0.04	0.08	100.50
156.	NIGER SEEDS				0.35	0.06	-83.83
157.	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	0.00			0.05	0.04	-32.26
158.	FLOOR CVRNG OF JUTE	0.00			0.04	0.03	-20.30
159.	SADDLERY AND HARNESS	0.00	0.00	-87.80	0.04	0.03	-30.73
160.	PROCESSED MEAT					0.03	
161.	IRON ORE	0.00	0.01	131.91	0.10	0.02	-75.25
162.	CASHEW NUT SHELL LIQUID				0.02	0.02	16.08
163.	OTHER PRECIOUS AND BASE METALS	0.00	0.00	-63.64	0.05	0.02	-57.21
164.	SILK WASTE	0.00			0.09	0.02	-81.78
165.	WOOL, RAW	0.00			0.02	0.01	-35.78
166.	SILVER	0.00	0.01	588.89	0.00	0.01	754.55
167.	GOLD						
168.	ANIMAL CASINGS						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,636.48</b>	<b>1,448.70</b>	<b>-11.47</b>	<b>15,643.43</b>	<b>18,558.58</b>	<b>18.63</b>

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(\*)--> % Share of commodity in total Export (2014-2015) to

**Department of Commerce**  
**Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 6.0**  
**Import :: Region-wise all Commodities**

Dated: 5/5/2015  
Values in US \$ Million  
(P) Provisional

S.No.	Commodity	Feb 2014	Feb 2015(P)	%Growth	Apr-Feb 2014	Apr-Feb 2015(P)	%Growth Region: South Asia
1.	FRESH FRUITS	28.04	43.08	53.67	317.36	421.39	32.78
2.	SPICES	14.83	19.65	32.53	189.37	186.33	-1.60
3.	IRON AND STEEL	9.50	9.86	3.76	164.87	170.75	3.57
4.	MISC PROCESSED ITEMS	11.11	14.06	26.53	95.05	124.01	30.47
5.	RMG COTTON INCL ACCESSORIES	6.92	9.95	43.87	86.99	99.23	14.07
6.	SHIP, BOAT AND FLOATING STRUCT	2.95	49.90	1,592.36	3.30	88.79	2,592.14
7.	PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	27.39	0.98	-96.44	65.95	87.83	33.18
8.	OTHER COMMODITIES	6.92	8.95	29.22	63.86	72.60	13.68
9.	OTHER JUTE MANUFACTURES	5.66	6.27	10.69	58.00	65.60	13.10
10.	MOULDED AND EXTRUDED GOODS	6.42	4.75	-25.99	56.40	64.64	14.62
11.	MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS	5.79	6.11	5.54	55.09	62.60	13.63
12.	CMNT, CLINKR AND ASBSTOS CMNT	4.19	3.85	-8.07	33.76	54.80	62.32
13.	INORGANIC CHEMICALS	3.34	3.03	-9.36	38.65	52.90	36.88
14.	OTH TXTL YRN, FBRIC MDUP ARTCL	3.49	3.23	-7.49	35.32	51.55	45.97
15.	COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC.	3.03	3.63	19.93	45.77	49.76	8.72
16.	JUTE YARN	2.61	2.77	5.77	42.99	46.91	9.11
17.	FINISHED LEATHER	3.50	3.40	-2.80	28.53	44.75	56.87
18.	PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND PRODUCT	3.11	3.76	21.08	38.15	42.82	12.24
19.	FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER	2.11	4.41	108.39	25.88	39.64	53.20
20.	COTTON RAW INCLD. WASTE	1.60	3.35	109.14	23.94	39.58	65.36
21.	PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL	3.64	3.15	-13.35	29.96	37.89	26.47
22.	GRANIT, NATRL STONE AND PRODC	4.05	1.75	-56.76	31.77	34.64	9.03
23.	COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR	4.10	3.48	-15.03	52.49	34.17	-34.91
24.	T9EA	0.37	2.53	576.95	22.08	31.01	40.45
25.	LEAD AND PRODUCTS MADE OF LED	0.65	4.29	559.95	12.50	27.43	119.43
26.	RMG MANMADE FIBRES	1.57	1.72	9.47	15.79	27.22	72.40
27.	JUTE HESSIAN	1.39	3.35	140.52	12.91	25.81	99.93
28.	ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPME	1.74	1.88	7.83	25.40	23.95	-5.72
29.	GLASS AND GLASSWARE	1.25	1.32	5.42	14.36	23.38	62.78
30.	PLYWOOD AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	2.25	1.90	-15.45	23.86	22.92	-3.94
31.	JUTE, RAW	0.48	0.62	29.98	25.13	23.00	-8.45
32.	PROCESSED MINERALS	9.31	2.30	-75.31	21.35	21.70	1.64
33.	PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS	0.93	1.24	33.01	6.35	20.86	228.48
34.	MARINE PRODUCTS	2.23	1.24	-44.52	13.71	20.05	46.27
35.	PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC	1.54	1.78	15.29	14.38	20.10	39.73
36.	RMG OF OTHR TEXTLE MATRL	1.61	3.92	143.72	12.18	19.45	59.74
37.	PACKAGING MATERIALS	1.13	2.00	76.73	12.68	19.44	53.28

38.	AIRCRAFT, SPACECRAFT AND PARTS	0.00	18.78	18,783,200.00	40.29	19.08	-52.64
39.	OTHR RUBBER PRODC EXCPT FOOTW	1.18	1.24	5.24	14.50	17.30	19.29
40.	PROCESSED FRUITS AND JUICES	1.23	1.66	35.56	14.02	16.90	20.56
41.	COSMETICS AND TOILETRIES	1.12	0.93	-17.15	14.92	16.44	10.21
42.	OTHER CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY	0.35	14.41	4,022.95	4.74	15.45	226.07
43.	ACCUMULATORS AND BATTERIES	2.14	0.67	-68.78	12.40	14.55	17.35
44.	CEREAL PREPARATIONS	0.74	0.93	25.74	10.48	14.31	36.51
45.	BICYCLE AND PARTS	0.58	1.17	102.37	7.37	13.22	79.29
46.	AYUSH AND HERBAL PRODUCTS	0.47	0.58	23.41	8.00	11.90	48.76
47.	PLASTC SHT, FILM, PLTS ETC	0.70	0.98	39.08	12.38	10.37	-16.21
48.	BULK MINERALS AND ORES	1.28	0.28	-78.06	4.00	9.86	146.76
49.	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	0.23	2.08	812.29	26.94	9.65	-64.17
50.	WOOL, RAW	0.96	0.54	-44.37	12.27	9.26	-24.56
51.	ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM	0.84	0.93	10.97	12.14	8.96	-26.13
52.	NATURAL RUBBER	1.61	1.05	-34.66	10.11	8.74	-13.53
53.	PULSES	0.64	0.87	35.62	10.82	8.44	-22.00
54.	HANDLOOM PRODUCTS	0.77	1.14	48.23	11.56	7.46	-35.50
55.	OIL MEALS	0.66	0.40	-39.21	5.99	7.34	22.53
56.	AUTO TYRES AND TUBES	0.58	0.77	34.59	5.05	7.11	40.72
57.	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.70	0.05	-93.47	4.38	5.47	24.87
58.	SURGICALS	0.29	0.20	-31.89	3.45	4.74	37.24
59.	INDL. MACHNRY FOR DAIRY ETC	0.34	0.14	-59.68	5.54	4.53	-18.28
60.	VEGETABLE OILS	0.68			8.06	4.48	-44.46
61.	ZINC AND PRODUCTS MADE OF ZINC	0.50	0.31	-38.18	3.50	4.35	24.37
62.	MOLLASES	0.33	0.35	5.08	1.27	4.32	239.36
63.	MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUM	0.23	0.15	-31.52	2.83	3.79	33.89
64.	OTHER MISC. ENGINEERING ITEMS	0.22	0.35	60.90	3.23	3.78	17.19
65.	HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMADE CRPTS)	0.20	0.23	15.94	3.51	3.34	-4.89
66.	RESIDUL CHEMICL AND ALLIED PROD	0.18	0.59	231.01	4.40	3.18	-27.66
67.	CERAMICS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	0.17	0.14	-20.34	2.27	2.65	16.37
68.	SESAME SEEDS	4.89	0.10	-98.04	29.22	2.39	-91.80
69.	PEARL, PRECS, SEMIPRECS STONES	0.67	0.07	-89.22	4.79	2.20	-54.06
70.	OTH NON FEROUS METAL AND PRODC	0.15	0.20	29.86	1.99	2.10	5.36
71.	DAIRY PRODUCTS	0.16	0.16	-4.43	1.00	1.97	96.03
72.	OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS	0.04	0.12	182.22	0.91	1.87	104.96
73.	RAW HIDES AND SKINS	0.20	0.12	-38.88	1.73	1.83	5.96
74.	TELECOM INSTRUMENTS	0.00	0.01	2,233.33	0.14	1.59	1,039.94
75.	CONSUMER ELECTRONICS	0.00	0.02	5,766.67	0.01	1.62	15,449.04
76.	ELECTRONICS INSTRUMENTS	0.06	0.63	954.67	1.60	1.59	-1.00
77.	SPORTS GOODS	0.11	0.09	-11.43	1.13	1.58	39.50
78.	BOOKS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRNTNG	0.13	0.11	-21.17	1.29	1.46	13.35
79.	AC, REFRIGERATION MACHNRY ETC	0.52	0.05	-90.95	3.59	1.43	-60.15
80.	RMG WOOL	0.02	0.00	-91.44	0.74	1.36	83.07

81.	HND TOOL, CTTNG TOOL OF METALS	0.14	0.10	-31.84	2.18	1.29	-40.55
82.	COCOA PRODUCTS	0.54	0.05	-91.21	1.24	1.16	-6.64
83.	ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS	0.83	0.11	-86.51	1.90	1.06	-44.18
84.	WOLLEN YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPSETC	0.09	0.05	-45.22	1.24	1.03	-16.49
85.	CRANES, LIFTS AND WINCHES	0.06	0.01	-84.46	0.77	0.95	23.35
86.	AUTO COMPONENTS/PARTS	0.16	0.05	-67.22	0.85	0.92	8.09
87.	CARPET(EXCL. SILK) HANDMADE	0.07	0.08	19.23	0.64	0.76	18.02
88.	FRESH VEGETABLES	0.02			4.82	0.66	-86.28
89.	FOOTWEAR OF RUBBER/CANVAS ETC.	0.18	0.05	-73.18	0.99	0.66	-33.64
90.	COTTON YARN	0.42	0.14	-66.40	4.55	0.62	-86.39
91.	MILLED PRODUCTS	0.07	0.02	-66.96	0.16	0.58	254.78
92.	MANMADE STAPLE FIBRE	0.21			0.54	0.58	6.98
93.	PROCESSED MEAT	0.06	0.02	-60.64	0.93	0.57	-38.84
94.	OTHER MEAT	0.07	0.11	68.15	0.47	0.55	16.74
95.	LEATHER GOODS	0.00	0.09	17,160.00	0.07	0.49	573.49
96.	IC ENGINES AND PARTS	0.00			0.07	0.48	597.55
97.	RMG SILK	0.03	0.04	17.42	0.28	0.47	72.37
98.	DYES	0.00	0.01	1,250.00	0.41	0.44	5.63
99.	OTHER OIL SEEDS	0.18	0.04	-78.30	0.37	0.42	14.48
100.	TOBACCO MANUFACTURED				0.22	0.36	62.66
101.	MACHINE TOOLS	0.00	0.00	190.00	0.24	0.35	47.13
102.	OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICALS		0.02		0.43	0.29	-32.35
103.	OTHER CRUDE MINERALS	0.07	0.01	-82.23	0.37	0.26	-30.08
104.	PUMPS OF ALL TYPES	0.02			0.24	0.23	-3.48
105.	CASHEW	0.05			0.09	0.22	142.37
106.	PROCESSED VEGETABLES	0.08	0.00	-94.90	0.77	0.21	-72.19
107.	COMPUTER HARDWARE, PERIPHERALS		0.00		0.01	0.20	1,350.00
108.	ATM, INJECTING MOLDING MACHINERY ETC		0.00		0.74	0.16	-78.26
109.	ESSENTIAL OILS	0.03	0.01	-54.49	0.23	0.16	-30.16
110.	LEATHER GARMENTS				0.05	0.14	173.28
111.	MOTOR VEHICLE/CARS	0.01			0.85	0.12	-85.65
112.	COIR AND COIR MANUFACTURES				0.13	0.12	-9.15
113.	SULPHUR, UNROASTED IRON PYRITE					0.11	
114.	TOBACCO UNMANUFACTURED	0.00			0.00	0.09	4,520.00
115.	OTHER CEREALS		0.02		0.03	0.08	131.61
116.	NICKEL, PRODUCT MADE OF NICKEL				0.78	0.07	-90.47
117.	FERTILIZERS CRUDE		0.01		0.00	0.06	1,159.09
118.	OTHER WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS		0.02		0.05	0.05	4.89
119.	FRUITS / VEGETABLE SEEDS				0.03	0.05	99.62
120.	GROUNDNUT		0.01			0.05	
121.	DRUG FORMULATIONS, BIOLOGICALS				2.96	0.04	-98.63
122.	STATIONERY/OFFICE, SCHOOL SUPPLY				0.08	0.04	-50.53
123.	HUMAN HAIR, PRODUCTS THEREOF					0.04	
124.	MICA				0.11	0.03	-69.07
125.	COFFEE				0.25	0.03	-86.29

126.	NATRL SILK YARN,FABRICS,MADEUP	0.00	0.02	11,600.00	0.07	0.03	-63.29
127.	GUERGAM MEAL				0.05	0.02	-47.92
128.	FLORICLTR PRODUCTS				0.06	0.02	-61.36
129.	RAILWY TRNSPRT EQUIPMNTS, PRTS				0.10	0.02	-78.83
130.	BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES				0.09	0.02	-78.86
131.	LEATHER FOOTWEAR COMPONENT				0.19	0.01	-96.81
132.	NUCLER REACTR, INDL BOILR, PRT	0.00			0.00	0.00	-22.92
133.	TWO AND THREE WHEELERS				0.38	0.00	-99.10
134.	AGRO CHEMICALS				0.04	0.00	-98.87
135.	GRAPHITE, EXPLSIVS AND ACCESOR				0.01		
136.	DYE INTERMEDIATES						
137.	FERTILEZERS MANUFACTURED						
138.	OTHER PRECIOUS AND BASE METALS						
139.	GOLD AND OTH PRECS METL JWLERY	0.00			0.06		
140.	COAL,COKE AND BRIQUITTES ETC	1.23			3.21		
141.	POULTRY PRODUCTS						
142.	SHELLAC				0.00		
143.	SUGAR				6.32		
144.	RICE(OTHER THAN BASMOTI)						
145.	PRIME MICA AND MICA PRODUCTS				0.00		
146.	PROJECT GOODS						
147.	SILK WASTE				0.00		
148.	FLOOR CVRNG OF JUTE				0.00		
149.	OFFICE EQUIPMENTS						
150.	ELECTRODES				0.02		
151.	PULP AND WASTE PAPER						
152.	OPTICAL ITEMS (INCL.LENS ETC)				0.01		
153.	SILK CARPET						
154.	PETROLEUM: CRUDE				101.27		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>222.21</b>	<b>298.13</b>	<b>34.16</b>	<b>2,287.70</b>	<b>2,610.83</b>	<b>14.12</b>

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7005**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**AGRI EXPORT ZONES**

**7005(H). SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE:**  
**SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:**  
**SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:**

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

- a) the details of existing Agri Export Zones (AEZs) set up in the country, product and State/UT-wise;
- b) the funds allocated to these zones along with their contribution in export and employment generation during each of the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- c) whether the performance of these zones has been satisfactory during the said period;
- d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- e) the measures taken by the Government to improve their performance?

**ANSWER**

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

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

(a) The details of 60 existing Agri Export Zones (AEZs), set up in different parts of the country, product and State/UT-wise are at **Annexure – I**.

(b to e) During the last three years, no funds have been allocated specifically for AEZs. However, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has extended financial assistance to the exporters in the AEZs under its Plan Scheme. As on March 2012, all the 60 AEZs in 20 States have completed their notified span of five years. On account of this, State Nodal Agencies have not reported any information about exports and employment generation in these 60 AEZ, since last three years.

The concept of Agri Export Zone (AEZ) was initiated by the Government of India in the year 2001 under Chapter – 16 of Exim Policy. The objective behind the notification of AEZ was to focus on potential products from the export perspective and address critical issues in creation of exportable quantity and quality and to synergize the use of all available resources and logistics from central and state sector schemes in existence. 60 AEZs in 20 States were notified by the Government till 2005. APEDA had signed MoUs with state governments defining the commitments of State Governments for implementation of AEZs. The Ministry of Commerce & Industry set up a Peer Review group to look into the performance of AEZs in December 2004. It was decided not to consider notification of any

new AEZs unless there are strong compelling reasons. Therefore, the Government has not notified any new AEZs during the last three years.

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## Statement of actual investment and exports from sanctioned 60 Agri Export Zones

S. No	State	AEZ Project
01	Assam (1)	Fresh & Processed Ginger
02	Andhra Pradesh (5)	Mango Pulp & Fresh Veg.
03		Mango and Grapes
04		Mango
05		Gherkins
06		Chilli
07	Bihar (1)	Lychee, Vegetables & Honey
08	Gujarat (3)	Mango and Vegetables
09		Value Added Onion
10		Sesame Seeds
11	Himachal Pradesh (1)	Apples
12.	Karnataka (4)	Gherkins
13		Rose Onion
14		Flowers
15		Vanilla
16	Jammu & Kashmir (2)	Apple
17		Walnuts
18	Jharkhand (1)	Vegetables
19	Kerala (2)	Horticulture Products
20		Medicinal Plant
21	Madhya Pradesh (5)	Potatoes, Onion and Garlic
22		Seed Spices
23		Wheat (Duram)
24		Lentil and Grams
25		Oranges
26	Maharashtra (8)	Grape and grapewine
27		Mango (Alphonso)
28		Kesar Mango
29		Flowers
30		Onions
31		Pomegranate
32		Banana
33		Oranges
34	Orissa (1)	Ginger and Turmeric
35	Punjab (3)	Vegetables
36		Potatoes
37		Basmati Rice
38	Rajasthan (2)	Coriander
39		Cumin
40	Sikkim (2)	Flowers (Orchids) & Cherry Pepper
41		Ginger
42	Tripura (1)	Organic pineapple
43	Tamil Nadu (4)	Flower
44		Flowers
45		Mangoes
46		Cashewnut
47	Uttar Pradesh (4)	Potatoes
48		Mangoes and Vegetables
49		Mangoes
50		Basmati Rice
51	Uttaranchal (4)	Lychee
52		Flowers
53		Basmati Rice
54		Medicinal & Aromati Plants
55	West Bengal (6)	Lychee
56		Potatoes
57		Mango
58		Vegetables
59		Darjeeling Tea
60		Pineapple

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7039**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**SCHEMES BY MARINE PRODUCTS EXPORTS**  
**DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**7039. KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:**  
**SHRI M. CHANDRAKASI:**

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

- a) the details of projects, promotional activities and schemes undertaken/ implemented by Marine Products Exports Development Authority (MPEDA) in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu during the last three years, State/UT-wise;
- b) whether the potential of marine resources available in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu have been fully utilized;
- c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken to tap its potential;
- d) whether the Authority has requested for establishment and strengthening of quality control laboratories to promote production and export of value added fishery and other marine products, if so the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto and the funds provided for the purpose;
- e) whether any proposal for promoting marine-aquaculture and seafood production in the country, particularly in Tamil Nadu is under consideration of the authority and if so, the details thereof; and
- f) the further measures taken by the Government to boost export of value added fishery and other marine products?

**ANSWER**

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

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

- a) In order to boost the exports of marine products from the country, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is operating various Developmental / financial assistance schemes for the benefit of the seafood industry in the country. There is no separate scheme for Tamil Nadu. The details of the various financial assistance schemes are as under:
  - i) **Capture Fisheries** - for promotion of fishing of Tuna and other under exploited resources, providing interest subsidy for the construction of new tuna long liners and Assistance to fishermen for better preservation of catch.
  - ii) **Processing Infrastructure & Value Addition** – providing subsidy for acquisition of machinery for tuna cannery / processing of value added tuna product, financial

- support for acquisition of Refrigerated Truck / Containers and setting up Large Cold Storages, etc.
- iii) **Culture Fisheries** – providing subsidy for new farm development, small and medium-scale hatcheries, setting up of PCR labs in hatcheries/Pvt. Lab, assistance for farmers for undertaking organic farming of shrimp and scampi, etc.
  - iv) **Market Promotion** – providing development assistance for export of Ornamental/Aquarium Fishes/Live Aquarium Plants, Sea Freight Assistance, and insurance scheme for workers in Seafood processing units, etc.
  - v) **Quality Control** – providing assistance to seafood processors for construction / renovation of captive pre-processing center with upgraded facilities, for setting up of Mini Laboratory, etc.

The details of other promotional activities conducted during the last 3 years are enclosed as **Annexure I** and the details of financial assistance provided by MPEDA to boost exports, state-wise and Tamil Nadu is enclosed as **Annexure II**.

- b) & c) It is a fact that the potential of marine resources in Tamil Nadu has been fully utilized. The potential yield within 200 nautical miles in Tamil Nadu has been estimated to be 4.2 lakhs tons. Marine fish production in Tamil Nadu in 2013 was 6.87 lakh tons. It is clear that the Tamil Nadu fisheries have already crossed the potential yield of the region and therefore the scope for increasing the fish production from Tamil Nadu waters is limited. *(Source: Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute)*
- d) MPEDA has setup 19 ELISA Labs in India of which 2 are in Tamil Nadu, these labs test for the presence of banned antibiotics in shrimps meant for export to EU prior to their harvest. 3 NABL accredited labs with modern sophisticated equipments like LC- MS etc are also operated by MPEDA for carrying out residue monitoring programmes in fish & fishery products on behalf of Government of India. MPEDA is also planning to set up a referral lab in the state of Tamil Nadu after identifying suitable land. Apart from that subsidy is being granted for setting up of mini labs in the processing establishments.
- e) MPEDA undertakes promotion and production of marine products for exports from all States of the country as per details given in part (a) above. There are no schemes specifically for implementation in Tamil Nadu, other than the ones already under implementation.
- f) The details of the additional measures taken to boost export of value added & other marine products are given below:

	Name of Schemes	Objectives	Quantum of Assistance
	MPEDA Quality Logo scheme	This scheme is aimed at promotion of value added fish and fishery products, processed/ produced in a MPEDA registered processing plant possessing a certificate of approval under the Marine Products (Quality Marking) Scheme and thereby carrying the MPEDA quality Logo.	The assistance under this scheme will be limited to 25% of the promotional expenses subject to a maximum of Rs.25/- lakh in a market for one product. A manufacturer exporter will be eligible for getting assistance on three products in a market (first come first served) and he will be eligible to introduce the logo products in three markets with assistance of this scheme.
	Assistance for ware-housing / transportation/	Assistance is offered to exporter for storage of the product in an accredited frozen ware-house, local	The assistance will be provided as reimbursement of 25% of the expenses incurred for warehousing;

placement of value added marine products abroad	mobilization to retail supplies and for display of his branded seafood in retail outlets by paying slotting money.	transportation and slotting for value added marine products in retail outlets in abroad markets, subject to a maximum of 25 lakh per exporter per year.
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Apart from the above, the Foreign Trade Policy for 2015-20 provides for 3% incentive for Marine Products under Merchandise Export from India Scheme (MEIS).

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**Annexure I****Details of Promotional activities during last three years for development of Aquaculture sector in India and Tamil Nadu****Promotional Activities****❖ Aquaculture**

Sl. No.	Scheme	Years	India Total	Tamil Nadu
	<b>Extension programmes (No/Participants)</b>			
1	General Trainings (No/Persons)	2012-13	78/1950	10/204
		2013-14	21/688	3/60
		2014-15	82/2816	16/236
2	SC/ST Trainings(No/Persons)	2012-13	27/575	6/120
		2013-14	6/144	1/20
		2014-15	40/718	4/80
3	Farmers Meets/ Seminar/Workshop (No/Persons)	2012-13	21/1960	3/350
		2013-14	18/1641	3/340
		2014-15	25/2563	2/125
4	Inter State Study Tour (No/Pers)	2012-13	8/72	1/10
		2013-14	7/59	1/8
		2014-15	8/72	1/9
5	Awareness Campaigns on diversification (Nos.) – IOAP/ BMPs/ Seabass/ Crab etc. (No/Persons)	2012-13	41/1410	8/232
		2013-14	5/147	3/74
		2014-15	65/3411	13/414
6	Antibiotic Campaigns against antibiotic abuse in aquaculture/Muddy Mouldy smell (No/Persons)	2012-13	352/8301	50/1295
		2013-14	130/3068	16/383
		2014-15	548/11679	51/1281
7	Demonstration programmes (No)	2012-13	9	2

		2013-14	14	2
		2014-15	23	4

**Annexure II****Details of Financial Assistance Provided by MPEDA to Boost Marine Product Exports from the Country & Tamil Nadu for the last 3 years.****❖ Quality Control****All India****(Rs. Lakh)**

	Pre-processing		Mini Lab		Interest subsidy		Total	
	Phy.	Fin.	Phy	Fin.	Phy	Fin.	Phy	Fin.
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>67.90</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7.11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>75.01</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>44.22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15.38</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>59.60</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>55.98</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11.21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>67.19</b>

**Tamil Nadu**

	Pre-processing		Mini Lab		Interest subsidy		Total	
	Phy.	Fin.	Phy	Fin.	Phy	Fin.	Phy	Fin.
<b>2012-13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.81</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2.82</b>

**❖ Aquaculture**

Amt in Rs. Lakhs

Sl. No.	Scheme	Years	India Total	Tamil Nadu
1	Establishment of Hatchery	2012-13	0.00	0.00
		2013-14	12.00	12.00
		2014-15	30.00	0.00
2	New Farm Development	2012-13	138.10	10.68
		2013-14	65.42	7.15
		2014-15	112.15	23.84

3	Effluent Treatment Systems	2012-13	11.09	6.80
		2013-14	8.25	8.25
		2014-15	12.00	0.00
4	PCR Lab	2012-13	41.39	9.91
		2013-14	35.38	9.82
		2014-15	27.43	0.00
5	Assistance to Aqua farmers welfare Societies	2012-13	15.91	0.00
		2013-14	18.00	5.00
		2014-15	11.50	2.50
6	Establishment of Nursery rearing unit	2012-13	3.37	0.00
		2013-14	0.00	0.00
		2014-15	6.16	0.00
7	Assistance to organic farms	2012-13	30.47	0.00
		2013-14	24.18	0.00
		2014-15	5.01	0.00

❖ **Capture fisheries**

1. Promotion of fishing of tuna and other under exploited resources ( conversion of fishing vessels to tuna long liners)

SL.NO	STATE/COUNTRY	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15

		Physical	Financial (Rs. Lakhs)	Physical	Financial (Rs. Lakhs)	Physical	Financial (Rs. Lakhs)
1	TAMILNADU	60	215.04	33	83.48	0	0
2	INDIA	60	215.04	33	83.48	0	0

2. Assistance to fishermen for better preservation of catch ( subsidy for installation of fish hold):

		2012-13		2013-14		2014-15	
	REGION						
		Physical	Financial (Rs. Lakhs)	Physical	Financial (Rs. Lakhs)	Physical	Financial (Rs. Lakhs)*
1	TAMILNADU	1	0.77	12	9.11	79	58.61
2	INDIA	158	98.6	131	95.97	247	171.87

3. Interest subsidy for the construction of new tuna long liners:

Interest subsidy for the construction of two new tuna long liners: Rs.10.60 lakh

❖ **Marketing Services**

State	Development Assistance for export of Ornamental/Aquarium Fishes/Live Aquarium Plants			Sea freight assistance for export			Insurance scheme for workers		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs	Rs. In Lakhs
Kerala	0.29	0.43	0.00	60.99	122.17	125.91	1.22	.71	0.47
Tamil Nadu	0.72	0.26	0.00	54.87	83.30	158.98	.50	.71	0.49
Gujarat	-	-	0.00	124.96	107.07	15.05	1.13	2.23	1.60
Maharashtra	-	0.29	0.42	138.66	92.87	126.15	1.38	1.65	1.45
Orissa	-	-	0.00	20.57	32.49	26.12	.96	.74	0.77
West Bengal	9.84	16.98	17.20	1.08	2.84	3.83	.90	.76	0.42

Andhra Pradesh	-	-	0.00	256.73	195.30	333.41	1.55	2.91	0.64
Karnataka	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.35	.65	0.76
Goa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	.37	.45	0.33
Total	10.85	17.96	17.62	657.87	636.04	789.45	8.36	10.81	6.93

❖ **Processing infrastructure and value addition**

The state-wise assistance provided under various developmental schemes from 2011-12 to 2014-15 are as follows;

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SANCTIONED AND RELEASED										
(Rs. In lakh)										
YEAR	STATES									TOTAL
	KERALA	KARNATAKA	MAHARASHTRA	GOA	GUJARAT	WEST BENGAL	ODISHA	ANDHRA PRADESH	TAMIL NADU	
<b>2011-12</b>	262.13	73.23	62.88	24.00	198.88	13.85	137.99	239.41	572.45	<b>1584.82</b>
<b>2012-13</b>	4.11	42.52	30.45	0.21	225.23	5.68	10.78	330.37	81.75	<b>731.1</b>
<b>2013-14</b>	203.6	0.98	51.55	0	174.39	4.11	11.5	410.25	179.59	<b>1035.97</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	163.06	54.38	26.16	24.28	409.46	5.40	102.37	582.44	14.21	<b>1381.76</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>632.9</b>	<b>171.11</b>	<b>171.04</b>	<b>48.49</b>	<b>1007.96</b>	<b>29.04</b>	<b>262.64</b>	<b>1562.47</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>4733.65</b>

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7042**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**EXPORT POLICY FOR COTTON**

**7042(H). SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:**  
**SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV:**  
**SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:**

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

- a) whether the policies made and works done for export of cotton reportedly benefit the industrialists/traders and cause loss to the farmers;
- b) if so, the facts thereof;
- c) whether the Government declare its export policy days after the harvest of cotton crop;
- d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- e) the number of days after the harvesting of cotton crop, the Government declared the said policy during the last three years;
- f) the criteria laid down for declaring the said policy; and
- g) the measures taken by the Government to encourage export and reduce import of cotton and its products?

**ANSWER**

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

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

- (a) to (f): No, Madam. The policy for export of cotton is not announced on seasonal or annual basis. Export of cotton has all along been “Free” except for the brief periods of (i) 21.05.2010 to 30.09.2010 when it was “Restricted” and (ii) 05.03.2012 to 11.03.2012 when it was “Prohibited”. With effect from 16.12.2010 export of cotton was allowed subject to registration of contracts with DGFT. Prior to 16.12.2010, export of cotton was permitted subject to registration of contract with Textile Commissioner, Mumbai. With effect from 08.12.2014, the requirement of registration for export of cotton has also been dispensed with.
- (g): To promote exports, Government has kept the export of cotton from India under free category. The import of cotton in India is meagre and accounts for only 1%-3% of cotton production in India. The import of cotton in India mainly comprises of Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, where the domestic production is less than the consumption requirement. Further, for safeguarding the interests of cotton growers in general and to boost export/disposal of cotton to be procured under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations in particular, Ministry of Textiles has written to Indian High Commissions/Embassies in cotton deficit countries like Bangladesh, Vietnam,

Indonesia, Turkey, Thailand to explore new avenues for export of cotton for stabilizing cotton prices in India.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7061**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**DECLINE IN EXPORTS**

**7061. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:**  
**DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**  
**SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**  
**ADV. M. UDHAYAKUMAR:**  
**SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:**  
**SHRI HARISH CHANDRA ALIAS HARISH DWIVEDI:**  
**SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**  
**SHRI NAGENDRA KUMAR PRADHAN:**  
**SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:**  
**SHRI KALIKESH N. SINGH DEO:**  
**SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:**  
**SHRI KIRTI AZAD:**  
**SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:**  
**SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA:**

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

- a) the details of major commodities/ goods/products being exported by India;
- b) whether the growth in India's exports has declined sharply by 21% in terms of value in March 2015;
- c) if so, the details thereof indicating the trend in growth of exports in terms of percentage during the last one year from April 2014 to March 2015 month-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- d) the impact of FTP (2015-2020) in boosting India's exports?

**ANSWER**

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

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

- (a) The major commodities/goods/products exported by the India during 2014-15 are Petroleum Products; Pearls, Precious & Semi-Precious Stones; Gold & Other Precious Metal Jewellery; Drug Formulations, Biologicals; RMG Cotton including Accessories; Iron & Steel; Products of Iron & Steel; Motor Vehicle/Cars; Aircraft, Spacecraft and Parts; and Marine Products. The item-wise details are available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Vol. I (Exports). Such CDs are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata.
- (b) & (c) India's exports have declined by 21.1 % in March, 2015 as compared to March 2014. Month-wise data for exports in 2013-14 and 2014-15 is given below:

<b>EXPORT</b>		(Value in US \$ Billion)		
<b>Month</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15*</b>	<b>% Growth 2014-15 over 2013-14</b>	
April	24.5	25.6	4.5	
May	24.9	28.0	12.4	
June	24.0	26.5	10.4	
July	25.8	27.7	7.4	
August	26.3	27.0	2.7	
September	28.1	28.9	2.8	
October	27.5	26.1	-5.1	
November	24.2	26.0	7.4	
December	26.4	25.4	-3.8	
January	26.9	23.9	-11.2	
February	25.4	21.5	-15.2	
March	30.3	23.9	-21.1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>314.4</b>	<b>310.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	
<i>Source: DGCI&amp;S; *: Provisional Figures</i>				

The main reasons for the decline in exports during the recent months of 2014-15 are as under:

- Fall in global demand during the period due to slowing down of World Trade.
- Appreciation of Rupee against Euro making exports to Europe, which is a major market for India, less competitive for Indian Exporters.
- Steep fall in the prices of petroleum crude resulting in consequent decline in prices as well as export realizations for petroleum products that are major product items of exports for India.

- (d) The Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-2020 was released on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015. It is expected that [FTP 2015-2020](#) will diversify India's export markets and products and give a boost to India's exports. The [FTP 2015-2020](#) has introduced simplification of various schemes and procedures as well as other trade facilitation measures that have been generally welcomed by the trade and industry. It is expected that with the introduction of the new foreign trade policy, India would become a significant participant in world trade and assume a position of leadership in international trade discourse.

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7063**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**NEW FOREIGN TRADE POLICY**

**7063. SHRI M. MURALI MOHAN:**  
**SHRI KESINENI NANI:**  
**SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:**  
**SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:**  
**SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:**  
**SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:**  
**SHRI ELUMALAI V.:**  
**SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:**

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

- a) whether the Government has announced the New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) for 2015-2020 and if so, the salient features thereof indicating the sector-wise export target fixed in the policy;
- b) whether the Government has merged existing schemes into two schemes namely 'Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS) and Services Exports from India Scheme (SEIS)' for goods and services and proposes to expand 'Towns of Export Excellence' and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- c) whether the trade policies are being aligned with the Government's key programmes like Make in India and Digital India in the policy to boost manufacturing and if so, the details thereof;
- d) the incentives and subsidies being offered to indigenous traders to compete with foreign traders in the policy; and
- e) the road map drawn up in the policy to boost country's export to achieve the target fixed, improve ease of doing business, simplify trade transactions, provide breathing space to SEZs and to reduce the trade deficit with various countries including China?

**ANSWER**

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

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

(a & b) : The Government of India has announced a new Foreign Trade Policy for the period 2015-2020 on 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2015. Details of the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 are available at the website of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade at <http://dgft@gov.in>.

Earlier there were 5 different schemes for rewarding merchandise exports with different kinds of duty scrips with varying conditions (sector specific or actual user only) attached to their use. Now all these schemes have been merged into a single scheme, namely Merchandise Export from India

Scheme (MEIS) and there would be no conditionality attached to the scrips issued under the scheme. Further, e-Commerce exports of certain specified employment creating sectors, made through courier or foreign post offices, have been supported under MEIS.

Served From India Scheme (SFIS) has been replaced with Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS) which would be available to notified services.

Government has recognized two new towns, namely Visakhapatnam and Bhimavaram as "Towns of Export Excellence".

The sector-wise export target have not been fixed in the Foreign Trade Policy: 2015-2020.

(c to e ): The road map adopted by the Government in the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-2020 to align it with 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' programmes and to ease the trade includes :

(i) Specific Export Obligation under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme, in case capital goods are procured from indigenous manufacturers, has been reduced to 75% of the normal export obligation. This may help indigenous manufacturing industry of capital goods.

(ii) Under Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), export items with high domestic content and value addition have generally been provided higher level of rewards. .

(iii) All duty credit scrips issued under both the schemes and the goods imported against these scrips are fully transferable

(iv) For reward schemes and duty exemption schemes, hard copies of applications and specified documents which were required to be submitted earlier have now been dispensed with.

(v) Landing documents of export consignment as proof for notified market, can now be digitally uploaded as specified..

(vi) There will be no need to submit copies of permanent records/ documents repeatedly with each application, once the same are uploaded in Exporter/Importer Profile.

(vii) For faster and paperless communication with various committees of DGFT, dedicated e-mail addresses have been provided for various Committees, e.g. Norms Committees, Exim Facilitation Committee etc.

To boost country's exports and diversify the product basket as well markets, the countries of the world have been divided in three groups for MEIS rewards, with notified rates of rewards for various notified products having potential to boost India's exports. It is hoped that the rewards to notified products for exports to these markets would help in increasing exports and thereby achieving export targets and reducing trade deficit.

In the new Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, the benefits of reward schemes have been extended to SEZs as well, which would give a new impetus to the development and growth of SEZs.

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
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**(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)**

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7089**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH FRANCE**

**7089(H). SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:**

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

- a) the quantum and value of trade (Export-Import) between India and France during each of the last three years, commodity/product-wise;
- b) the details of French investment in the country so far;
- c) whether some French companies have shown interest to invest in the country under 'Make in India' Programme during recent visit of Prime Minister to France;
- d) if so, the details thereof indicating the areas identified for further cooperation and agreements/MoUs signed to boost trade and investment during the said visit; and
- e) whether the Government also proposes to constitute a Task Force for boosting French investment in the country and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) India France bilateral trade (in US\$ Million) for the last three years is as under:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Export</b>	<b>Import</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	4,558.11	4,332.78	8,890.89
<b>2012-13</b>	4,986.03	4,652.36	9,638.39
<b>2013-14</b>	5,108.29	3,691.89	8,800.18

List of top ten principal commodities of Export and Import with France during last three years is at Annexure-I. Details of commodity wise quantum and value of trade (Export-Import) with France is available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely "Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities & Countries)" which are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S, Kolkata.

(b) Cumulative FDI from France to India was US\$ 4.47 billion during April 2000 to February 2015.

(c) Prime Minister during his visit to France in April, 15, highlighted the Government's several initiatives like 'Make in India', other flagship programmes and various measures like liberalization of FDI limits in sectors like defence, insurance and railways, reforms to improve business conditions, predictability and transparency in the business environment. He invited French companies to make the most of these opportunities.

(d) List of MoUs / letter of intent etc, signed during PM's visit to France is at Annexure II.

(e) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

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**Annexure 1****TOP TEN COMMODITIES OF EXPORT TO FRANCE****(In US\$ Million)**

<b>S.N</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
1	PETROLEUM (CRUDE & PRODUCTS)	1,017.21	1,462.68	1,178.94
2	READYMADE GARMENTS COTTON INCLUDING ACCESSORIES	630.46	479.39	509.16
3	MACHINERY AND INSTRUMENTS	254.52	285.26	421.72
4	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	305.52	307.69	335.86
5	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	162.18	158.62	198.81
6	ELECTRONIC GOODS	185.64	201.74	197.05
7	DRUGS,PHARMACEUTICALS & FINE CHEMICALS	173.67	183.79	192.97
8	FOOTWEAR OF LEATHER	141.95	138.92	159.06
9	INORGANIC/ORGANIC/AGRO CHEMICALS	117.31	138.93	154.52
10	OIL MEALS	56.9	133.82	147.52
11	OTHERS	1512.97	1,459.79	1613.14
12	TOTAL	4,558.33	4,986.63	5,108.75

**TOP TEN COMMODITIES OF IMPORT FROM FRANCE****(In US\$ Million)**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>Commodity</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>
1	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENTS	855.67	1,435.22	1,027.04
2	MACHINERY EXCEPT ELECTRIC & ELECTRONIC	726.64	650.44	529.84
3	ELECTRONIC GOODS	383.97	358.42	284.42
4	CHEMICAL MATEIARL & PRODUCTS	178.68	146.02	155.17
5	IRON & STEEL	317.72	242.45	146.63
6	ORGANIC CHEMICALS	146.88	147.03	147.34
7	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT,ETC EXCEPT ELCTRONIC	155.68	157.02	142
8	ARTIFICIAL RESINS,PLASTIC MATERIALS,ETC.	112.97	136.4	122.56
9	MANUFACTURES OF METALS	83.6	116.06	117.07
10	MEDICINAL & PHRMACUTICL PRODUCTS	115.26	131.44	110.49
11	OTHERS	1223.12	1,131.86	909.33
12	TOTAL	4,300.19	4,652.36	3,691.89

## Annexure -II

List of MoUs/Letters of Intent/Administrative Arrangements/Other documents signed during the PM's visit to France is as below.

1. MoU between L&T and AREVA for manufacture of critical components in nuclear reactors.
2. Pre-Engineering Agreement between NPCIL and AREVA, clarifying technical parameters.
3. Programme between ISRO and French National Centre for Space Studies (CNES) for joint fabrication and launch of satellites and joint planetary exploration.
4. MoU between ISRO and CNES on Megha Tropiques to extend the joint project of the Indo-French Megha Tropiques satellite for two more years.
5. MOU between ISRO, CNES and ONERA for Ka-band propagation experiment over Indian tropical region for collection of Ka-Band attenuation data using available Ka-Band transmission and analysis.
6. MoU on Cooperation between the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of India and French Ministry of Sports, Youth Affairs, Public Education and Community Life in the fields of sports medicine, institutional cooperation, support of participation of women and the disabled, etc.
7. MoU on cooperation in the field of renewable energy between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India and the Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Government of France, for exchange of know-how and joint research in the areas of solar, wind, bio-energy, tidal and wave energy sectors.
8. Railway protocol between Indian Ministry of Railways and French National Railways (SNCF) to establish cooperation for semi-high speed rail and station renovation.
9. Guarantee Agreement with the French Agency for Development (AFD) for financing to Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
10. Administrative Arrangement in the field of Cultural Heritage for cooperation in the field of cultural heritage for training of Indian heritage conservation professionals at the Institute National du Patrimoine (INP).
11. Letter of Intent on Tourism cooperation to promote sustainable bilateral tourism between the two countries.
12. Letter of Intent (LoI) between the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and National Institute of Preventive Archaeological Research (INRAP) for collaboration in preventive archaeology projects and dissemination of culture.
13. MOU between School of Planning and Architecture, Delhi, and National Architecture Institute in Paris, France, to undertake joint planning and geographical studies in India and France and joint training exercises.
14. Volontariat Internationale en Entreprise (VIE) scheme to allow Indian students in France and French students in India to stay for a period of 24 months.

15. Letter of Intent on Ayurveda between Ministry of Ayush and University of Strasbourg for promoting Ayurveda as a complementary medicine in France.
16. MoU between National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), India, and the National Commission for Vocational Qualifications (Commission Nationale de la Certification Professionnelle – CNCV) to facilitate exchange of information and knowledge about maintenance of skill qualification registers.
17. MoU between Department of Science & Technology (DST) of India and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) to enhance further cooperation in the advanced fields of basic and applied research.
18. MoU between Department of Biotechnology of India, CNRS and University Pierre Marie Curie (UPMC) on Collaboration for establishment of a National Institute of Marine Biology and Biotechnology in India.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7094**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**IMPORT OF CHINESE STEEL**

**7094. DR. GOKARAJU GANGA RAJU:**

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

- a) whether the Government has a policy for stringent quality check on cheap Chinese steel entering the Indian markets;
- b) if so, the details thereof indicating the imports of steel from China as well as its quality audit carried out during each of the last three years;
- c) whether the Government proposes to impose financial curbs including anti-dumping duty on import of cheaper Chinese steel into the country; and
- d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) & (b) India, being a member of World Trade Organization (WTO), cannot maintain country specific quality checks. However, to ensure that only quality steel is imported in India, Ministry of Steel has notified Steel and Steel Product (Quality Control) Order on 12.03.2012, as last amended on 04.12.2014. Data pertaining to import of Iron & Steel under Chapter 72 and 73 of Indian Trade Classification (Harmonised System), 2012, Schedule – I (Import Policy) from China during the period 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 (provisional) is as under:

<u>Qty in Ton</u>						
<u>Value in Rs Crore</u>						
Country	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15 (Apr'14 to Feb'15)*	
	Qty	Val.	Qty	Val	Qty	Val
<b>CHINA</b>	1770193	8135.54	1120652	5921.24	3522779	15534.84

\*Note: Figures for 2014-15(Apr to Feb) are provisional.

(c) & (d) Yes Madam. The details of anti-dumping investigations on imports of Steel from China are as below:-

Product	Action taken/Proposed to be taken
Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel	Anti-dumping duty on cold Rolled Flat Products imported from China and other countries was in force since 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2009 till 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2015. The Sunset Review is in progress and is scheduled to be completed in October 2015.
Hot Rolled flat product of Stainless Steel of 304 Grade	Anti-dumping duty on imports of Chinese Hot Rolled steel flat Products has been recommended by the Designated Authority on 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2015. Matter is under consideration of Department of Revenue.

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7102**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**SPICE PARKS**

**7102. SHRIMATI KOTHAPALLI GEETHA:**

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

- a) the locations of Spice Parks presently functioning in the country along with the objectives thereof;
- b) the status of such parks along with funds sanctioned and utilised for the purpose during 11th and 12th Five Year Plans, year-wise;
- c) whether the Government is promoting such parks with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model and if so, the details thereof;
- d) whether the Government proposes to setup more such parks in the country;
- e) if so, the locations thereof along with the funds earmarked for the purpose, State/UT-wise including Kerala; and
- f) the time by which the proposed parks are likely to become functional?

**ANSWER**

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

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**  
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- (a) The Spice Board is in the process of establishing crop specific Spices Parks in major Spice production/market centres in the country for the benefit of all the stake holders of the industry especially the farming community in the region. Government through the Spices Board has completed the establishment of Spices Park at Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh; Puttady, Kerala; Jodhpur, Rajasthan; Guna, Madhya Pradesh; Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu; Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. The Spices Park at Kota and Raebareli are under construction. The list of spices parks established/under construction is at Annexure I.
- (b) Status of Spices Parks established by the Government through the Spices Board along with funds sanctioned and utilised are given at Annexure II. The funds for the approved Spices Parks are sanctioned as one time amount for the total project cost and not on yearly basis.
- (c) No. However, Spice Board is sub leasing the available land in the Spice Park to prospective entrepreneurs for developing their own spice processing units inside the Spice Park.
- (d), (e) & (f) The establishment of Spices Park is based on the proposal from the concerned State Governments and once the proposal from the State Government is received, Spices Board conducts a techno feasibility study for establishing the Spice Park. Currently, State Governments of Karnataka, Meghalaya and Telangana have requested for establishing the Spices Park project but they have not yet completed the process of identifying the

land and handing over the same to Spices Board, which is prerequisite for establishing the Spices park, therefore no definite timeline can be given at this stage.

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**List of Spices Parks established/under construction**

Sl No	Location	State	Crop
1	Chhindwara	Madhya Pradesh	Garlic, Chilli
2	Puttady	Kerala	Cardamom, Pepper
3	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	Coriander, Cumin
4	Guna	Madhya Pradesh	Coriander
5	Sivaganga	Tamil Nadu	Chilly, Turmeric
6	Guntur	Andhra Pradesh	Chilly
7	Kota	Rajasthan	Coriander, Cumin
8	Raebareli	Uttar Pradesh	Mint

Annexure II

**Status of Spices Parks along with funds sanctioned and utilised**

Sl No	Location	Status	Project/ Fund Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)	Funds Utilised (Rs. Crore)
1	Chhindwara	Completed and tendering process is in progress to identify a suitable operator	20.00	20.50
2	Puttady	Completed and the Park is operational	27.00	29.50
3	Jodhpur	Completed and the park is operational	28.00	30.00
4	Guna	Completed and the park is operational	29.00	30.00
5	Sivaganga	Completed and tendering process is in progress to identify a suitable operator	20.00	20.50
6	Guntur	Completed and the park is operational	23.00	21.50
7	Kota	Under Construction	15.00	11.00
8	Raebareli	Under construction	19.00	8.00

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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 7104**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015**

**EXPORT-IMPORT OF ONION**

**7104(H). SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:**

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

- a) the quantum and value of export and import of onion during each of the last three years, country-wise;
- b) the country's share in world's trade of onion along with the share of various States therein;
- c) whether the Government has taken note of the impact of onion export on its price in the domestic market;
- d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- e) whether the Government proposes to review the EXIM policy for onion and if so, the details thereof along with the other measures taken by the Government to boost its export as well as to check its availability and rising price in the domestic market?

**ANSWER**

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

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

- (a) The quantum and value of onion exported as well as imported during each of the last three years, country-wise (top 5 destinations) are given below.

**Export:**

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs. Crore

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15(Apr-Feb)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
BANGLADESH	490127	437.7256	409377.7	896.3905	434305.5	738.53
MALAYSIA	335266.9	491.0963	240570.6	639.3461	189163.4	359.5396
U ARAB EMTS	211831.9	238.4631	172354.8	330.0831	110711.5	204.8961
SRI LANKA	149394.3	204.9195	176765.7	392.486	108801.5	213.3826
NEPAL	17421.98	39.59628	21878.45	66.63564	60016.99	119.4539
OTHERS	415329.4	558.3678	387008.8	872.5015	207025.7	403.5128
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1619371</b>	<b>1970.168</b>	<b>1407956</b>	<b>3197.443</b>	<b>1110025</b>	<b>2039.315</b>

Source: DGCI&S

**IMPORT:**

Qty in MT/ Value in Rs. Crore

COUNTRY	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15(Apr-Feb)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
EGYPT A RP	-	-	314	1.06	576	1.243
AFGHANISTAN	-	-	15492	25.92	237	0.299
BANGLADESH	450	0.303	-	-	-	-
CHINA P RP	-	-	1604	5.18	-	-
IRAN	-	-	178	0.30	-	1.542
OTHERS	-	-	258	0.95	-	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>0.303</b>	<b>17847</b>	<b>33.41</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>1.542</b>

Source: DGCI&amp;S

(b) India's share in world trade of onion as per UN Comtrade data for 2013 is 16.80%. State wise share of onion in World trade is not maintained.

(c to e) Prices of any agricultural products depends on various factors like food inflation, Minimum Support Price, overall inflation in economy and domestic and international demand and supply situation, global stock position, quality standards in the importing countries, varieties traded and price competitiveness etc. There is an Inter-Ministerial Committee which takes stock of the arrival of onion and modal prices prevailing in the important production and consumption centres. The Committee takes appropriate decision to calibrate export through Minimum Export Price (MEP) on onion from time to time after considering various factors like availability of onion in domestic market, remunerative prices to the growers and availability of agricultural products to common man at affordable prices.

To promote exports, the Government has recently launched a new scheme namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products to a specified markets including onion. As far as the domestic market is concerned, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has approved the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) as a Central Sector Scheme, with a corpus of Rs.500 crores, to support market interventions for price control of perishable agri-horticultural commodities during 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17.

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