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Trade imbalance with China

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a) the details of trade imbalance between India and China;
b) whether China has taken Indian concern of trade imbalance very seriously ;
c) if so, whether Beijing has offered a proposal to conduct trilateral cooperation involving other South Asian nations, including India; and
d) if so, the reaction of Government and the steps being taken to bridge the gap in trade imbalance between the two countries?

ANSWER

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

(a): Details of exports-imports and trade balance with China during the last three years are given below:-

Bilateral Trade between India and China during 2012-13 to 2014-15

Value in USD Million

Year	Export	Import	Total Trade	Trade Balance
2012-13	13,534.88	52,248.33	65,783.21	(-) 38,713.45
2013-14	14,824.36	51,034.62	65,858.98	(-) 36,210.26
2014-15(P)	11,956.36	60,395.27	72,351.63	(-) 48,438.91

(Source; DGCI&S)

(b) : India's concern on rising trade imbalance with China has been discussed with China at various fora including at the highest levels of leadership of the two countries. The Joint Statement on Building Closer Developmental Partnership between India and China issued during the visit of Chinese President to India in September 2014 highlighted India's demand that the two sides take positive steps towards rebalancing bilateral trade and addressing the existing structural imbalance in trade that has a bearing on its sustainability. The two sides have also signed the Five-Year Development Program for Economic and Trade Cooperation that lays out a roadmap for comprehensively deepening and balancing bilateral economic engagement with an emphasis on addressing the rising trade imbalance. These issues were also flagged at the level of Commerce Ministers of two countries during the India-China 10th Joint Economic Group (JEG) meeting held in September 2014 in Beijing.

(c): There is no proposal at present from China to conduct trilateral cooperation involving other South Asian nations, including India.

(d): In order to boost exports and to address the widening trade deficit with China, in addition to the efforts at bilateral level mentioned in reply to (b) above, 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, etc.

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