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Measures to bridge trade deficit with China

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(a) whether Government has taken any stringent measures to bridge the gap in trade deficit between India and China;
(b) if so, the details thereof and total value of imports from China during the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 and the current year till date;
(c) whether Government has chalked out any plan to provide adequate policy support and facilitation to indigenous industries to combat the dumping of Chinese products in Indian Domestic market;
(d) if so, the details thereof and Government''s stand on this serious issue; and
(e) the list of Chinese products, raw and finished goods dumped and dominated in the domestic markets in India?

ANSWER

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(a): Increasing trade deficit with China can be attributed primarily to the fact that Chinese exports to India rely strongly on manufactured items to meet the demand of fast expanding sectors like telecom and power, while India’s exports to China are characterized by primary and intermediate products. The major imports from China are products such as telecom instruments, computer hardware and peripherals, fertilizers, electronic components/instruments, project goods, organic chemicals and drug intermediates, consumer electronics, electrical machinery and equipments, iron and steel etc. These imports feed the growing demand in India for such goods which China, due to variety of reasons, is able to export to India at competitive prices.

India’s exports to China on the other hand include iron ore, cotton raw/yarn, petroleum products, copper and articles thereof, organic chemicals, iron and steel, castor oil, plastic raw materials, pearls, precious or semiprecious stones, marine products etc.

As regard steps taken to reduce trade deficit with China, Ministry of Commerce of the People''s Republic of China and Ministry of Commerce & Industry of the Republic of India jointly developed and signed in September 2014 a Five-Year Development Program for Economic and Trade Cooperation in order to lay down a medium term roadmap for promoting balanced and sustainable development of economic and trade relations between China and India, on the principle of equality and mutual benefit.
The Five Year Program recognizes and states “the trade deficit with China is a matter of high concern for India. Against this background and in the spirit of mutual benefit, India and China shall endeavour to strengthen cooperation and gradually achieve bilateral trade balance over the next 5 years. India and China shall further endeavour to increase bilateral trade in services particularly Information Technology (IT) & Information Technology Enabled Services (ITES) in the next 5 years.”
(b): Details of the imports and exports between India and China during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 (April-October)are given below:-

Bilateral Trade between India and China during the last three years and current year
Value in US$ Billion

Year	Import	Export	Total Trade	Trade Deficit
2014-15	60.41	11.95	72.36	48.46
2015-16	61.70	9.01	70.71	52.69
2016-17	61.28	10.17	71.45	51.11
2017-18 (Apr to Oct) *	43.46	6.73	50.19	36.73

*Provisional (Source; DGCI&S)

From the above table, it may be seen that India’s trade deficit from China grew marginally by 8.73% from US$ 48.46 billion in 2014-15 to US$ 52.69 billion in 2015-16. In 2016-17, it dropped by 3% (approximately) from US$ 52.69 billion to US$ 51.11 billion.

(c) to (e): India has an elaborate and robust legal framework and institutional set up to protect its environment, life and health of

its people, plants and animals. 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. The Government takes appropriate action in case goods imported from any source are found to violate these regulations and threaten human, animal or plant life or health.

In addition, trade defence measures like anti-dumping duty and countervailing duty, safeguard measures are being enforced under the prescribed WTO provisions. Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties (DGAD) receives applications from domestic producers for imposition of anti-dumping duty on various productsfrom time to time. After detailed investigations, preliminary/final findings are issued by DGAD based on which, Department of Revenue imposes provisional/definitive anti-dumping duties. As on 27.12.2017, anti-dumping duty is in force on 98 products imported from China. List of these 98 products is at Annex-I.

There are also 2 countervailing measures (anti-subsidy), currently in force against China. Further, during last three years, safeguard duty has been levied by the Central Government in 6 cases. Out of these, in 5 cases the duty has been levied on Chinese products along with products from other countries.

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Measures in force (China) Annex-I

Country Product(s) Sector Nature of Case Expiry Date of Duties

1 China PR Saccharin Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 12-01-2018

2 China PR Nylon Filament Yarn Fibre and Yarn AD 12-01-2018

3 China PR Meta Phenylene Diamine Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 21-03-2018

4 China PR Steel Wheels Steel or Other Metal Products AD 25-03-2018

5 China PR Partially Oriented Yarn (POY)-III Fibre and Yarn AD 01-05-2018

6 China PR Viscose Filament Yarn Fibre and Yarn AD 03-05-2018

7 China PR Peroxosulphates (Persulphates) Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 15-05-2018

8 China PR Digital Offset Printing Plates Other products AD 03-06-2018

9 China PR Plain Gypsum Plaster Board Fibre Boards AD 06-06-2018

10 China PR Grinding Media Balls (excluding forged grinding media balls) Other products AD 15-07-2018

11 China PR Sodium Perchlorate Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 05-09-2018

12 China PR Zinc Oxide-I Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 05-09-2018

13 China PR Ductile Iron Pipe Steel or Other Metal Products AD 09-10-2018

14 China PR Paracetamol Pharmaceuticals AD 27-10-2018

15 China PR Vitamin –A Palmitate-II Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 12-11-2018

16 China PR Phosphoric Acid - Technical Grade and Food Grade Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 30-12-2018

17 China PR 4,4 Diamini Stilbene 2,2 Disulphonic Acid (DASDA) Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 22-01-2019

18 China PR Graphite Electrodes of all diameters Electrical & Electronics items and accessories AD 12-02-2019

19 China PR Sheet Glass Glass and Glassware AD 12-03-2019

20 China PR Red Phophorus Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 18-03-2019

21 China PR Sodium Nitrate Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 18-03-2019

22 China PR Cast Aluminum Alloy Wheels Steel or Other Metal Products AD 10-04-2019

23 China PR Nylon Cord Fabric-II Fibre and Yarn AD 15-05-2019

24 China PR Sodium Citrate Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 19-05-2019

25 China PR Presensitized Positive Offset Aluminum plates Steel or Other Metal Products AD 08-06-2019

26 China PR Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) (suspension grade) Other products AD 12-06-2019

27 China PR Certain Rubber Chemicals-III Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 23-07-2019

28 China PR Ceftriaxone Sodium Sterile Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 13-08-2019

29 China PR Electrical Insulators Electrical & Electronics items and accessories AD 15-09-2019

30 China PR Sulphur Black Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 17-09-2019

31 China PR Digital Versatile Disc Recordable (DVD-R's) Other products AD 20-11-2019

32 China PR Diclofenac Sodium Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 20-11-2019

33 China PR Cable Ties Electrical & Electronics items and accessories AD 08-12-2019

34 China PR USB Flash Drives Other products AD 21-05-2020

35 China PR Electronic Calculators Electrical & Electronics items and accessories AD 28-05-2020

36 China PR Hot rolled flat products of Stainless Steel 304 series Steel or Other Metal Products AD 04-06-2020

37 China PR Vitamin-E Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 09-06-2020

38 China PR Measuring Tapes-I Other products AD 08-07-2020

39 China PR Compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) Electrical & Electronics items and accessories AD 27-07-2020

40 China PR Vitamin-C Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 05-08-2020

41 China PR Flax Fabrics Other products AD 11-08-2020

42 China PR Diketopyrrolo Pyrrole Pigment Red 254 (DPP Red 254) Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 16-08-2020

43 China PR Caustic Soda-III Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 17-08-2020

44 China PR Float Glass Glass and Glassware AD 07-09-2020

45 China PR Hexamine Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 20-10-2020

46 China PR All Fully Drawn Yarn Fibre and Yarn AD 20-10-2020

47 China PR Plain Medium Density Fibre Board-I Fibre Boards AD 20-10-2020

48 China PR Front Axle Beam and Steering Knuckles Machinery items AD 20-10-2020

49 China PR Carbon Black Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 17-11-2020

50 China PR Melamine Tableware and Kitchenware products Glass and Glassware AD 03-12-2020

51 China PR Plastic Processing Machinery Machinery items AD 03-12-2020
52 China PR Methylene Chloride-I Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 07-12-2020
53 China PR Gliclazide Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 07-12-2020
54 China PR Purified Terephthalic Acid Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 09-12-2020
55 China PR Cold Rolled Flat Products of Stainless Steel Steel or Other Metal Products AD 10-12-2020
56 China PR Albendazole Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 13-12-2020
57 China PR Color Coated/ Prepainted Flat Products of alloy and Non Alloy Steel Steel or Other Metal Products AD 10-01-2021
58 China PR Castings of wind operated electricity generators Electrical & Electronics items and accessories CVD 18-01-2021
59 China PR Melamine-I Glass and Glassware AD 27-01-2021
60 China PR Mulberry Raw Silk Other products AD 27-01-2021
61 China PR Tyre Curing Press Machinery items AD 28-03-2021
62 China PR Glazed unglazed vitrified Tiles Other products AD 28-03-2021
63 China PR Barium Carbonate Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 20-04-2021
64 China PR Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) transmission equipment. Fibre and Yarn AD 25-04-2021
65 China PR Seamless Tubes pipes and hollow profiled or iron, alloy or non-aloy steel Other products AD 16-05-2021
66 China PR Coumarin Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 26-05-2021
67 China PR Methyl Acetoacetate Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 30-05-2021
68 China PR PVC paste Resin Other products AD 22-06-2021
69 China PR 1,1,1,2 tetra-flouroethane Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 10-07-2021
70 China PR Viscose Staple Fibre Fibre and Yarn AD 07-08-2021
71 China PR PVC flex films Other products AD 07-08-2021
72 China PR Hot rolled flat products alloy and non-alloy steel Steel or Other Metal Products AD 07-08-2021
73 China PR Cold Rolled Flat products of alloy and non-alloy steel Steel or Other Metal Products AD 16-08-2021
74 China PR Glass Fibres and Articles there of Glass and Glassware AD 31-08-2021
75 China PR Narrow Woven Fabric Fibre and Yarn AD 05-10-2021
76 China PR Wire Rod of alloy or non-alloy Steel Steel or Other Metal Products AD 01-11-2021
77 China PR Low Ash Metallurgical Coke Other products AD 24-11-2021
78 China PR Axle for trailors Other products AD 28-11-2021
79 China PR Linear Alkyl Benzene Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 10-04-2022
80 China PR Elastomeric Filament Yarn Fibre and Yarn AD 02-05-2022
81 China PR Aluminium Radiators Machinery items AD 11-05-2022
82 China PR Amoxycllin Pharmaceuticals AD 15-05-2022
83 China PR Aluminium Foil Other products AD 15-05-2022
84 China PR Sewing Machine Needles Machinery items AD 21-06-2022
85 China PR Polytetrafluroethylene (PTFE) Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 22-06-2022
86 China PR Pentaerythritol-II Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 28-06-2022
87 China PR Pentaerythritol Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 28-06-2022
88 China PR Polytetrafluoroethylene-II (PTFE) Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 27-07-2022
89 China 7PR Opal Glassware Glass and Glassware AD 08-08-2022
90 China PR Opal Glassware Glass and Glassware AD 08-08-2022
91 China PR Sodium Chlorate Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 09-08-2022
92 China PR Textured Tempered Coated and Uncoated Glass Glass and Glassware AD 17-08-2022
93 China PR Sodium Nitrite –I Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 24-08-2022
94 China PR Sodium Nitrite Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 24-08-2022
95 China PR Casting for Wind operated Electricity Generators Electrical & Electronics items and accessories AD 29-08-2022
96 China PR Pneumatic Radial Tyres Rubber or Plastic products AD 17-09-2022
97 China PR Paranitroaniline Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 03-10-2022
98 China PR Certain Rubber Chemicals-II Chemicals & Petrochemcials product AD 16-11-2022
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