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Measures to narrow trade deficit with China

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(a) whether Government has taken any stringent and appropriate measures to narrow 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, 2016-17 and 2017-18 till date;
(c) the list of major Chinese products, raw and finished goods flooded into domestic markets in India and their value;
(d) whether Government has adequate support and facilitation to indigenous industries to combat the over dumping of Chinese products in Indian market particularly Chinese toys and play tools, furniture, fire crackers and electronics items; and
(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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(a) : Imports exceed exports because of shortages/non-availability of items domestically or because of the cost competitiveness of the foreign manufacturers.Government has formulated various schemes/programmes to help the domestic enterprises compete effectively with imports from China and other countries. Efforts are made to promote manufacturing through initiatives like 'Make in India', 'Digital India', 'Skill India' etc. which provide support for promoting domestic manufacturing capacity in the country. Some of these schemes/programmes which support the Micro, Small and Medium enterprises (MSMEs) include National Manufacturing Competitiveness Programme (NMCP); Credit Guarantee Scheme; Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme; Cluster Development Programme; Market Development Assistance Scheme and Vendor Development Programme for Ancillarisation. These schemes/programmes help MSMEs increase their competitiveness to challenge cheap Chinese imports in the country.

(b) : Details of imports and exports between India and China during 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 (April to December 2017) are given below: -
Bilateral Trade between India and China during the years 2014-15 to 2016-17 and 2017-18 (April to December 2017)
Values in Million USD

YEAR	EXPORT	IMPORT	TRADE DEFICIT
2014-15	11,958.51	60,413.17	48,454.65
2015-16	9,013.586	61,706.83	52,693.24
2016-17	10,171.69	61,281.57	51,109.88
2017-18(APR-DEC)*	9,284.93	56,398.44	47,113.51

*2017-18 Figures are Provisional (Source; DGCI&S)

(c) : Top 50 Principal Commodity Group-wise India's import from China including raw and finished goods for the last three years and 2017-18 (upto December 2017) are attached as Annex-I.

(d) & (e) : With a view to protecting its domestic producers and consumers, 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. Adequate provisions exist under the Foreign Trade Policy to protect the Indian consumers and producers as imported goods are subject to domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environmental and safety norms. The BIS standards applicable to domestic goods are also applicable to imported goods. Import of food/edible items are subject to FSSAI standards. Import of plant & plant based products are subject to Plant Quarantine measures and sanitary & phyto-sanitary measures. Import of animal & animal based products are subject to sanitary import permits.
The Government of India has taken various measures for checking sub-standard imports, some of which includes the following:

1) Government has imposed prohibition on import of milk and milk products (including chocolate and chocolate products and

candies/confectionary/ food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient) from China since 01/12/2008, which has been extended from time to time and these products are currently prohibited till 23.6.2018.

2) Import of Toys (all items under EXIM Codes 95030010, 95030020, 95030030 and 95030090) has been made subject to A Certificate of Conformance from the manufacturer that representative sample of the toys being imported have been tested by an independent laboratory which is accredited by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL), India and found to meet the specifications prescribed by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). The Certificate would also link the toys in the consignment to the period of manufacture indicated in the Certificate of Conformity.

Against cheaper imports causing injury to domestic industry, trade defence measures like anti-dumping duty, countervailing duty and safeguard duty area available. Whenever Indian industry is affected by cheaper imports, it can seek remedies from the Government under the above provisions. Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties(DGAD) conducts anti- dumping investigations on the basis of duly substantiated petition filed by the domestic industry alleging dumping of goods into the country causing injury to the domestic industry. Similarly, DGAD conducts anti-subsidy investigations against countries subsidising their export products. As on 26.2.2018, anti-dumping duty is in force on 94 products imported from China. Section 8B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, subject to certain conditions, empowers the Central Government to impose Safeguard Duty on any article imported into India in such increased quantities and under such conditions so as to cause or threaten to cause serious injury to the Indian domestic industry.
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Annex-I
Table 2:INDIA''S IMPORT FROM CHINA
VALUES IN MILLION USD
2014.15 2015.16 2016.17 2017-18(UPTO DEC-17)
Sl. No. COMMODITY VALUES VALUES VALUES VALUES
1 TELECOM INSTRUMENTS 9240.87 10093.36 11307.83 11910.81
2 ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS 1984.27 3514.48 4440.91 3910.79
3 COMPUTER HARDWARE, PERIPHERALS 4336.63 4413.69 4071.73 3827.72
4 INDL. MACHNRY FOR DAIRY ETC 2664.65 2866.60 2839.89 2489.80
5 ORGANIC CHEMICALS 2482.98 2416.74 2187.94 2119.03
6 CONSUMER ELECTRONICS 2026.18 2204.17 2151.60 1865.81
7 ELECTRONICS INSTRUMENTS 1797.62 1926.26 2134.42 1914.60
8 ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND EQUIPME 1835.01 2170.23 2036.72 1705.15
9 BULK DRUGS, DRUG INTERMEDIATES 2088.31 2120.15 1826.34 1519.27
10 RESIDUL CHEMICL AND ALLED PROD 1522.25 1458.94 1636.77 1555.66
11 SHIP, BOAT AND FLOATING STRUCT 1122.27 1264.90 1454.44 563.66
12 IRON AND STEEL 2713.35 2359.26 1346.71 1354.46
13 AC, REFRIGERATION MACHNRY ETC 1099.54 1045.79 1249.52 997.04
14 FERTILEZERS MANUFACTURED 3148.71 3261.92 1244.16 1050.64
15 PRODUCTS OF IRON AND STEEL 1388.18 1181.85 1229.86 1061.19
16 OTHER MISC. ENGINEERING ITEMS 677.32 751.06 902.05 790.62
17 PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS 932.82 823.53 897.57 854.56
18 AUTO COMPONENTS/PARTS 940.90 898.78 868.58 853.65
19 MANMADE YARN,FABRICS,MADEUPS 974.92 853.93 798.59 701.76
20 PROJECT GOODS 1449.33 994.11 763.00 472.54
21 ALUMINIUM, PRODUCTS OF ALUMINM 746.28 717.59 696.90 577.43
22 CRANES, LIFTS AND WINCHES 425.04 410.30 692.05 517.86
23 ACCUMULATORS AND BATTERIES 321.39 510.49 608.78 667.83
24 MACHINE TOOLS 412.03 431.70 544.89 519.81
25 MOULDED AND EXTRUDED GOODS 429.98 484.41 537.77 439.74
26 OTHER PLASTIC ITEMS 466.48 477.81 516.24 501.07
27 AGRO CHEMICALS 412.22 332.65 506.10 524.28
28 GLASS AND GLASSWARE 358.04 406.91 478.34 455.90
29 OTH NON FEROUS METAL AND PRODC 428.61 399.31 445.35 431.64
30 SILVER 1141.02 384.51 440.69 296.68
31 PAPER, PAPER BOARD AND PRODUCT 380.47 362.11 434.50 466.50
32 OTH TXTL YRN, FBRIC MDUP ARTCL 457.68 487.19 432.17 510.73
33 INORGANIC CHEMICALS 610.50 502.39 428.99 368.09
34 OTHER CONSTRUCTION MACHINERY 341.12 352.71 416.10 404.41
35 COAL,COKE AND BRIQUITTES ETC 423.63 364.40 402.79 447.02
36 HANDCRFS(EXCL.HANDMADE CRPTS) 315.14 412.54 401.23 314.54
37 MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUM 334.43 342.62 388.01 364.31
38 CERAMICS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS 612.78 576.54 379.57 352.86
39 OTHER MISCELLAENIOUS CHEMICALS 481.28 393.44 338.58 303.80
40 PLASTC SHT, FILM, PLTS ETC 256.54 294.29 318.72 334.07
41 IC ENGINES AND PARTS 170.60 176.18 265.22 301.98

42 AUTO TYRES AND TUBES 160.63 249.97 257.67 145.20
43 PLYWOOD AND ALLIED PRODUCTS 299.54 272.54 254.95 240.56
44 PAINT, VARNISH AND ALLID PRODC 235.92 227.37 245.61 263.56
45 ATM, INJCTNG MLDING MCHNRY ETC 208.00 215.05 240.20 219.67
46 PETROLEUM PRODUCTS 315.82 243.08 213.11 215.86
47 COPPER AND PRDCTS MADE OF COPR 225.06 185.58 197.24 177.83
48 HND TOOL, CTTNG TOOL OF METALS 233.30 213.76 182.63 192.44
49 BICYCLE AND PARTS 173.58 139.80 174.94 150.78
50 COTTON FABRICS, MADEUPS ETC. 259.50 249.05 172.70 159.15
(Source : DGCI&S)
2017-18 FIGURES ARE PROVISIONAL.
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