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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 722 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18th SEPTEMBER, 2020

PRODUCTS CONSTITUTING IMPORTS FROM CHINA

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Will the Minister of Commerce and Industry be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a little over 300 items from China constitute nearly 3/4th of the imports;
- (b) if so, the details of such items and the policy measures that Government is proposing to make them in India or source them from alternative sources/countries;
- (c) the manner in which a product is classified as sensitive and how many products, out of the above 300, are sensitive; and
- (d) the total amount of imports from China (in terms of dollars) during the last five years and the current year, year-wise?

ANWSER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): The top 300 tariff lines/items imports from China accounted for 65.46% of India's total imports from China during 2019-20.

With the aim of achieving key regulatory objectives related to imports and exports, the government is undertaking steps for creating/enhancement of domestic capacity, incentivizing domestic manufacturing through Production Linked Incentive Schemes, Phased Manufacturing Plans, purchase preference etc., timely use of trade remedy options, adoption of mandatory Technical Standards, enforcement of FTA Rules of Origin (RoO) and development of import monitoring system.

Government has not categorized any product as sensitive products under the Foreign Trade Policy. The value of our merchandise imports from China during last five years and the current year are given below:

Year	Value of Import (US\$ Million)
2015-16	61,707.95
2016-17	61,283.03
2017-18	76,380.70
2018-19	70,319.64
2019-20	65,260.75
2019-20(April- August)	29,825.93
2020-21 (April- August)*	21,589.94

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (*: Provisional)