

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

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd DECEMBER, 2021

TRADE WITH CHINA

690. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) the year-wise details of imports from China from Financial Year 2016-17 to 2021-22;
- (b) the year-wise details of exports to China from Financial Year 2016-17 to 2021-22;
- (c) whether imports from China have increased in the last five years;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the exports to China have declined in the last five years; and
- (f) the steps being taken by Government to increase exports and decrease imports with regard to China?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) to (b): The trade data of India's exports to and imports from China from FY 2016-17 to FY 2021-22 is as under:

(Values in USD Billion)

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22 (Apr-Sept)
Import	61.28	76.38	70.32	65.26	65.21	42.33
Export	10.17	13.33	16.75	16.61	21.19	12.26
Total trade	71.45	89.71	87.07	81.87	86.4	54.59

(Source: DGCIS)

- (c) to (d): The imports from China have increased from USD 61.28 billion in 2016-17 to USD 65.21 billion in 2020-21, exhibiting an annual growth at the rate of 1.28% during the last 5 years. However, the imports were static between 2019-20 & 2020-21. The major items of import from China are products such as telecom instruments, computer hardware and peripherals, fertilizers, electronic components/ instruments, project goods, organic

chemicals, drug intermediates, consumer electronics, electrical machinery etc. Many of these imported items are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like telecom and power in India. Some of our imports from China like the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) and drug formulations provide the Indian pharma industry raw material for producing finished goods which are also exported out of India. The details of India's imports from China, principal commodity wise and value wise during the last five years and the current year is given in Annexure-I.

(e): The exports from India to China have increased from USD 10.17 billion in 2016-17 to USD 21.19 billion in 2020-21, exhibiting an annual growth at the rate of 21.67% during the last 5 years.

(f) :The Government of India has made sustained efforts to achieve a more balanced trade with China, including bilateral engagements to address the non-tariff barriers on Indian exports to China. The Government has also launched schemes such as Production Linked Incentive Schemes (PLIs) to promote domestic manufacturing capacities in critical sectors such as Key Starting Materials/Drug Intermediates, Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients apart from electronic components & mobiles, white goods (ACs and LEDs), Specialty Steel, Drones and Drone Components etc. These schemes intends to promote domestic manufacturing capacities and attract investment and reduce dependency on imports from China.

Annexure-I

The details of India's imports of major commodity groups from China from FY 2016-17 to FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 (till September 2021) is as follows:

SL NO	Major Commodity Groups	Import From China In Million USD						
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2020-21 (APR-SEP)	2021-22 (APR-SEP)
1	Cotton Raw And Waste	0.05	0.10	0.37	8.07	0.02	0.00	0.00
2	VEGETABLE OIL	0.37	0.63	0.46	0.56	0.22	0.07	0.20
3	PULSES	64.81	58.11	47.86	51.58	46.36	24.92	18.13
4	FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	176.95	85.13	33.27	48.41	36.69	13.21	15.93
5	PULP AND WASTE PAPER	19.65	17.95	21.00	24.34	20.84	10.74	14.00
6	TEXTILE YARN FABRIC, MADEUP ARTICLES	745.28	992.62	923.52	895.03	700.60	228.92	406.01
7	FERTILISERS, CRUDE AND MANUFACTURED	1250.68	1072.58	2053.29	1820.93	1551.23	704.83	1735.00
8	SULPHUR AND UNROASTED IRON PYRTS	0.10	0.24	0.27	0.21	0.13	0.05	0.06
9	METALIFERROUS ORES AND OTHER MINERALS	243.13	272.96	476.15	261.54	238.42	93.36	169.98
10	COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES, ETC	402.79	642.52	698.89	160.32	20.71	9.63	180.55
11	PETROLEUM, CRUDE AND PRODUCTS	213.11	313.84	302.27	340.44	183.63	94.44	212.97
12	WOOD AND WOOD PRODUCTS	697.74	932.58	803.99	784.43	525.75	209.13	316.12
13	LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	224.32	265.67	256.90	236.49	114.30	37.57	72.38
14	ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	3562.40	4750.20	5781.19	5197.64	5693.70	2733.36	4040.77
15	DYEING/TANNING/COLOURING MTRL S.	560.10	751.13	759.89	779.54	775.01	301.96	496.01
16	ARTIFICIAL RESINS, PLASTIC MATERIALS, ETC.	2270.30	2945.48	3227.06	3165.79	2741.78	970.36	2133.03
17	CHEMICAL MATERIAL AND PRODUCTS	1658.57	2230.65	2592.04	2467.49	2721.34	1305.61	1716.11
18	NEWSPRINT	0.00	0.01		0.00	0.01		
19	PEARLS, PRECIOUS AND SEMI-PRECIOUS STONES	45.76	107.61	64.11	61.24	45.20	11.97	31.45
20	IRON AND STEEL	2576.56	3090.72	3153.45	2706.35	2208.84	976.34	1356.10
21	NON-FERROUS METALS	1363.75	1657.52	2131.10	1855.26	1460.08	548.76	903.85
22	MACHINE TOOLS	727.52	1014.96	1142.81	1026.74	1109.88	388.19	711.73
23	MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL AND NON-ELECTRICAL	8395.95	10354.11	11135.68	10865.44	10220.49	3889.29	5839.41
24	TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT	3653.34	3758.57	2721.66	2470.58	2374.43	886.13	1384.86
25	PROJECT GOODS	763.00	609.54	553.28	438.28	347.92	178.94	101.59

26	PROFESSIONAL INSTRUMENT, OPTICAL GOODS, ETC.	525.70	807.30	815.93	758.15	930.46	421.25	955.89
27	ELECTRONIC GOODS	24731.24	31975.18	22737.47	21374.09	23936.27	10144.80	15291.87
28	MEDCNL. AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS	2018.78	2251.84	2630.56	2562.85	2903.41	1432.51	1764.07
29	GOLD	28.37	76.53	12.59	0.00			
30	SILVE R	440.69	326.31	321.53	46.26	51.76	47.88	4.27
31	OTHER S	3922.02	5018.10	4921.05	4852.68	4252.76	1710.90	2461.44
TOTAL IMPORT FROM CHINA		61283.03	76380.70	70319.64	65260.75	65212.25	27375.10	42333.77

(Source: DGCIS)
