

1	2	3	4
5.	Buffalo Meat	755	659
6.	Biscuits	10005	3773
7.	Maize	12823	1333
8.	Garlic	140	10.15
TOTAL :		319977	43648.83
TOTAL TRADE :		361427.1	85387.13

FTA with ASEAN countries

448. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to sign FTA with ASEAN countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that ASEAN countries are not agreeing to liberalise its services industry as has been proposed by India;
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to reduce the trade deficit with ASEAN once the agreement is signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Negotiations for the Trade in Goods Agreement under the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and the ASEAN have been concluded. The Agreement will be signed after approval by concerned Governments.

(c) and (d) Negotiations for Services Agreement are underway.

(e) After the signing and implementation of the Agreement, all Parties, including India, are likely to benefit from tariff liberalisation.

Impact of global recession on WTO deliberations

449. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that world wide recession and slow down has impacted on ongoing WTO deliberation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government reviewed its stand on agriculture in WTO; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The global economic crisis has occupied centrestage at most major international meetings in the recent past. While trade has contracted globally as a result,