

(In billion USD)

Year	Merchandise Exports (including agricultural exports)	Services Exports	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(2) + (3)
2008-09	185.3	106.0	291.3
2009-10	178.8	95.8	274.6
2010-11	254.4 *	132.0	386.4

* Provisional; Source: (1) DGCI&S and (2) RBI.

Steps to maintain balance in trade with China

319. SHRI R.C. SINGH:

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the current trend of trade between India and China, the bilateral trade would reach US \$ 100 billion in the next four years;

(b) if so, what would be the share of India's trade;

(c) whether it is also a fact that trade experts foresee that there would be a greater trade deficit for India by 2015; and

(d) if so, how the Ministry is looking at the issue holistically and taking steps to make a balance in trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) As per the current trend of trade between India and China, the bilateral trade is likely to reach the mark.

(b) The share of India's export in India-China bilateral trade as per the current trend is about 31%. With the continued efforts to increase our exports to China, this share is likely to increase.

(c) With the increasing trade, the gross trade deficit may further increase.

(d) With a view to achieve balance in the bilateral trade, efforts are being made to diversify

the trade basket with emphasis on manufactured goods. The issue of trade deficit was raised by the Indian side during the 8th session of India-China Joint Group on Economic Relations, Trade Science and Technology (JEG) held on 19th January, 2010. As an outcome of JEG a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between India and China, where the Chinese side assured the Indian side that it would increase its imports from India. Indian Companies are encouraged to participate in major trade fairs in China to show-case Indian products in the Chinese market and increase engagement with Chinese companies.

Export of 10 lakh bales of cotton

320. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI R.C. SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to allow additional 10 lakh bales of cotton for exports this year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the textile mills have opposed this move; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) After review of production and consumption of cotton in the country, the informal Group of Ministers under the Chairmanship of Finance Minister in its meeting held on 08.06.2011 has permitted additional 10 lakh bales of cotton in the current cotton year (01.10.2010 to 30.09.2011). Directorate General of Foreign Trade has notified this decision of informal Group of Ministers through Notification No. 57(RE-2010)/2009-14 dated 09.06.2011.

(c) Government has received several representations from the individual Industries as well as Associations in the Textile Sector not to permit further export of cotton. Representations have also been received to liberalise export of cotton and remove all caps to make it completely free.

(d) The Group of Ministers took into account the production, domestic consumption of