

our exchange rate has depreciated, from March to March, by almost 15 per cent and, from point to point, by almost 12 per cent. The second is the whole issue of petroleum and oil imports and crude oil imports because we are a growing economy. The very fact that oil prices have grown from 85 dollars a barrel to 123 dollars a barrel has resulted in the trade deficit on petroleum coming close to 99 billion dollars this fiscal year. The third is the whole issue of our imports with regard to coal, fertilizer and edible oil. Our increase in trade deficit on coal has grown by almost 7.9 billion dollars this year. On the issue of fertilizers, it has grown by almost 4.1 billion dollars and on edible oil by almost 3.1 billion dollars. The third, unrelated, but still very important, is India's growing trade deficit with China. Our trade deficit with China in the last fiscal year is close to about 33 billion dollars and finally, the trade deficit with regard to gold and jewellery stands at about 15 billion dollars. So, if we add up these four or five figures, 98 billion on account of petroleum, 33 billion on account of trade deficit with China, it is close to 15 billion dollars because of fertilizer, edible oil and coal, and another 15 billion dollars because of deficit on gold and jewellery because India is a net importer of gold and jewellery, we are coming close to 161 billion dollars out of the 185 billion dollars, which is 85 per cent of our trade deficit. We are trying to increase our exports to be able to bridge that deficit, and that is the reason why our exports this year had grown by almost by 21 per cent, which has not been achieved by any other country across the world. So, we must give kudos to our exporters, to our industry, who are able to achieve that in these difficult times. We are concentrating on Latin America, on Africa, on Oceania, CIS and other parts of Asia, and the very fact that we are trying to lower transaction cost, which is an initiative that I myself am spearheading, along with ensuring that exports grow. Hopefully, we will be able to bridge that deficit.

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE : Sir, ban on export of certain goods and products is also responsible for trade deficit. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to which are those goods and products on which there is a ban and what our policy is in this regard.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I am afraid, the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Failure of Delhi Police in arresting human trafficking agents

*467. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has failed to arrest human trafficking agents selling young women to brothel owners on GB Road, Delhi;

- (b) the number of young women rescued from brothels during the last two years;
- (c) the number of human trafficking agents arrested during 2010-11 and 2012 till date;
- (d) the number of girls who went missing during 2011 and 2012 in Delhi and how many of them have been traced; and
- (e) whether gangs smuggling children are active in Delhi and if so, how many such gangs have been busted by Delhi Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) to (c) Sir, Delhi Police takes legal action as and when any information regarding trafficking comes to notice. The details of young women rescued from premises on GB Road and agents arrested by Delhi Police during the years 2010, 2011 & 2012 (upto 30.04.2012) are given below:-

Year	Number of girls rescued	Number of agents/ persons arrested
2010	07	08
2011	26	16
2012 (up to 30.04.2012)	15	04

(d) The details of the missing girls, as reported to Delhi Police, along with the details of the girls traced during the years 2011 and 2012 (up to 31.03.2012) are as under:-

Year	Girls Missing	Girls traced
2011	2665	1873
2012 (up to 31.03.12)	612	334

(e) Action has been taken in cases in which children were found to be sold for money/adoption/marriage etc. In the last 2 years, 13 cases have been registered and 52 persons have been arrested.

Export of sugar

†*468. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a final decision regarding quantum of sugar to be exported so far from the country has been taken;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.