

to decrease in the imports of machinery except electrical and electronics, iron and steel, transport equipment, artificial resins, plastic materials, non-ferrous metals, inorganic chemicals and gold. The decline in bilateral trade can be attributed to overall negative global sentiment because of economic recession and low demand from the US and Europe. Ban of exports of iron-ore from Karnataka and Goa also contributed to decline in India's exports to China.

(c) and (d) There is no specific uncertainty on the future of India's trade relationship with China. However, both the sides are engaged to realize the target of bilateral trade of US\$ 100 billion by 2015.

Effect of ban on export of poultry products from India

1243. DR PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some countries have banned Indian poultry products due to bird flu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of impact of the ban on exports of poultry products;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that poultry industry is suffering huge losses; and
- (e) if so, what are the details of the response of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some countries like Kuwait, UAE, Qatar, Oman, Iraq, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Saudi Arabia have imposed a ban on the import of poultry products from India, due to bird flu.

(c) The export of poultry products to these countries have stopped.

(d) and (e) No such information has been brought to the notice of this Ministry regarding huge losses faced by poultry industry.

Increase in almond imports

1244. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

SHRIMATI RATNA BAI:

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