

The New Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 also makes provisions to incentivize India's exports through newly introduced schemes. The 'Merchandise Exports from India Scheme' (MEIS) scheme which incentivizes export of specified goods to specified markets also includes pharmaceutical products. This would also help Indian pharmaceutical exporters to compete in international markets.

Import/export of medicines/drugs

643. SHRI AVINASH RAI KHANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the country-wise quantum and value of medicines/drugs imported and exported during each of the last three years and current year;

(b) whether India is largely dependent on import particularly from China to meet the bulk of the requirement of various drugs including essential drugs and Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs);

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by Government to boost export of medicines/drugs and encourage the Indian pharmaceutical companies to increase their production so as to reduce dependence on imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Commodity-wise/country-wise India's import and export of medicines/drugs during last three years and current year for the top 30 markets are given in Statement-I and Statement-II respectively. (See below)

(b) and (c) The estimated production of bulk drugs by indigenous drug manufacturing companies in 2013 was US\$ 10.4 billion and import for the period was US\$ 3.5 billion which came primarily from China. Indian drug manufacturers import pharmaceuticals including drug intermediates, bulk drugs and formulations, from various countries. Based on the information available relating to China, India imports drugs and pharmaceutical from China in the form of raw materials as well as finished products for both domestic consumption and exports. Imports from China constitute about 55% of total import of drugs and pharmaceuticals into India. As per the reports available, in case of 12 essential drugs namely; Paracetamol, Metformin, Ranitidine, Amoxicillin,

Ciprofloxacin, Cefixime, Acetyl salicylic acid. Ascorbic acid, Ofloxacin, Ibuprofen, Metronidazole and Ampicillin, there is significant dependence on imports for drug ingredients and substantial imports of these products are from China. One of the reasons for imports from China is the price competitiveness of these products.

(d) India is one of the largest manufacturers of medicines and exports to more than 200 countries. Taking into account the dependence of Indian drug industry on import of APIs, an Inter-Ministerial Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Health Research had been constituted to study and identify the Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) of critical importance and to consider a measures required to build domestic production capabilities etc. The committee has in its findings, *inter-alia*, reported that the API industry in the country has to be made more viable and there is a need for building an eco system to promote investment in the sector, based on global practices. There are also recommendations for improving the regulatory regime in the country.

The Government is taking several measures to boost exports under MDA & MAI schemes. Financial assistance through Pharmexcil, an Export Promotion Council, is provided under Market Development Assistance and Market Access Initiative Schemes by Department of Commerce to exporters of various Pharmaceutical products particularly small and medium size exporters to promote their exports in various countries. Incentives to Pharmaceutical industry are also available in various trade promotion schemes like Focus Market Scheme, Focus Product Scheme, Advance Authorization Scheme etc. in the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) which also helps the Small and Medium exporters in promoting their exports.

Statement-I

India's imports from top 30 countries Qty in Kgs and value in \$ mn

Rank	Country	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (April-Dec)	
		Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)	Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)	Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)	Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)
1.	China P RP	136754743	2097.36	152440304	2111.37	15414474 5	2218.37	120059158	1743.42
2.	Germany	627279 1	352.68	6933908	405.94	4724858	427.76	3622989	279.88
3.	USA	15935879	383.03	16381243	399.79	13398780	416.57	9322460	337.06
4.	Italy	4660660	185.34	3959526	179.14	5561452	195.04	5478207	136.41
5.	France	5364591	162.76	4705934	134.53	8704687	171.48	5864472	136.26
6.	Switzerland	522884	552.97	579571	274.13	530455	159.54	284376	107.53
7.	Indonesia	10575385	107.73	12317560	133.53	15516044	142.64	11901000	129.31
8.	Denmark	156948	100.19	73361	85.21	104041	98.96	35934	75.42
9.	Netherland	3898393	68.35	2189523	73.76	1740011	96.48	2533239	69.35
10.	Belgium	125858 87	108.27	15534442	119.36	9909054	89.30	243835	63.81
11.	Spain	2974152	84.73	2813980	78.09	3177155	81.11	2273928	71.35
12.	Korea RP	3557861	87.19	6936115	78.69	8620648	74.81	9934645	55.89
13.	Japan	7286523	71.52	9404616	64.53	7481058	73.57	6392897	55.28
14.	Brazil	1346740	22.16	637936	44.04	228499	66.58	407242	44.90

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15.	U K	431504	71.27	347182	73.51	412934	66.33	328287	58.38	Written Answers to [2 March, 2016]
16.	Singapore	707650	33.48	501720	31.22	5371605	43.38	12465661	73.73	
17.	Ireland	72754	45.20	52221	34.67	47937	37.40	24642	14.10	
18.	Taiwan	702878	22.85	243946	34.91	733597	35.16	232942	31.43	
19.	Slovenia	18386	29.63	27236	30.34	27468	33.00	16967	21.38	
20.	Australia	454887	24.35	470327	21.02	375063	32.29	420241	18.72	
21.	Israel	398238	20.19	95884	29.43	191635	31.42	192206	20.92	
22.	Mexico	186009	32.80	163089	30.27	188257	29.86	130126	19.47	
23.	Austria	375691	25.38	338194	24.98	710800	26.42	533018	20.20	
24.	Hong Kong	49088	13.54	81942	6.48	46000	24.35	87440	10.86	
25.	Thailand	11418463	26.10	11622967	21.69	12445103	22.05	10132258	16.40	Unstarred Questions
26.	Canada	54461	21.02	788415	28.09	58009	16.56	28063	13.03	
27.	Finland	25061	17.88	41404	17.75	33975	16.29	23864	7.19	
28.	Hungary	22442	23.61	8986	10.31	10610	15.10	9086	18.52	
29.	Nepal	2480208	9.07	3239585	9.98	2711347	11.08	1870362	7.95	
30.	Czech Republic	51480	12.11	26961	7.98	31812	9.24	68215	8.63	
TOTAL of the above		229342637	4812.764275	252958078	4594.740986	257237639	4762.122855	204917760	3666.798646	89
GRAND TOTAL		234869322	4924.76	259548817	4690.96	262030127	4865.75	210990937	3760.96	

Statement-II

India's exports to Top 30 countries QTY in KGs and Value in \$ mn

Rank	Country	2012-13		2013-14		2014-15		2015-16 (April-Dec)	
		Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)	Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)	Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)	Qty (Kgs)	Val(US\$mn)
1.	USA	97649580	3636.56	109724029	3931.79	113444064	4285.14	92675119	4168.22
2.	UK	21903920	506.33	30919459	511.71	28063629	530.56	22374819	407.58
3.	South Africa	11814411	448.49	13792030	556.13	17438904	506.29	18505329	429.08
4.	Russia	13787895	571.32	13613464	543.84	12134815	424.12	9111293	281.03
5.	Nigeria	47440274	338.78	47565111	377.13	56618140	415.92	49294558	326.74
6.	Brazil	8630770	317.62	11122575	298.58	10628975	363.83	7888406	245.72
7.	Germany	17592961	422.02	19329020	379.70	21376235	350.25	15503801	242.26
8.	Kenya	25379528	240.58	30764688	237.55	32836654	279.92	28682732	242.10
9.	Netherland	9960960	216.92	8063744	229.34	10063914	232.65	6533754	179.21
10.	Vietnam Soc Rep	15636306	198.77	17772985	210.78	22545974	231.73	19306004	166.88
11.	Canada	4750673	273.47	4659025	226.05	4880403	206.69	2975039	151.16
12.	France	6356577	196.56	8332606	201.46	9944128	203.36	7575762	165.80
13.	Australia	6112291	182.69	6360383	190.17	7859401	195.67	6006936	160.33
14.	Tanzania Rep	9141534	131.95	12145444	153.42	13249603	184.05	7894547	133.80

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15.	Iran	5776788	158.20	9567901	178.39	10161919	171.04	8405297	145.40
16.	Myanmar	6159461	122.32	8712152	137.93	10554895	170.26	6978407	109.90
17.	Sri Lanka DSR	12093839	150.65	13298110	159.98	13692479	166.10	19978168	142.58
18.	Ghana	8990782	174.09	8833795	150.86	10892472	163.90	5928298	93.83
19.	Nepal	11318765	118.56	12373603	132.48	21597735	158.74	11117545	105.69
20.	Uganda	5276846	113.61	6732209	154.62	9644476	157.19	6117949	121.99
21.	Thailand	9973106	130.31	4840906	105.96	6380679	154.13	5273550	107.24
22.	Philippines	4184244	123.87	5969578	137.17	8694781	150.87	6459847	137.36
23.	Belgium	4977788	132.28	7036912	120.91	8977064	148.23	7957071	137.67
24.	Venezuela	1355827	69.19	1919686	83.42	2255781	145.28	1343264	59.11
25.	Turkey	4440508	183.38	7760165	153.17	8551604	143.54	5469807	112.58
26.	Japan	3662738	175.44	3998762	172.18	4772582	140.62	3411859	101.89
27.	China P RP	6560308	119.57	9865092	115.93	9883395	136.93	7069624	102.71
28.	Singapore	4351505	202.38	3176711	130.09	3819910	133.25	3077572	94.27
29.	Bangladesh PR	9345098	122.94	11067194	148.29	10017826	132.66	7835020	95.02
30.	Mexico	6976002	141.71	5547971	123.57	5255934	124.64	4649125	115.58
TOTAL of Above		401601285	9920.578516	454865310	10252.60394	506238371	10807.53875	405400502	9082.758103
GRAND TOTAL		663698836	14150.22	736083464	14647.18	835088173	15131.93	626935730	12430.42

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