

Import policy in India

3101. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the countries that do not allow import of goods manufactured in India as of 2020; and

(b) whether India accept imports from these countries and if so, the names of such countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) Pakistan has prohibited imports from India by not granting the most favoured nation (MFN) status and it further announced the suspension of all trade in August, 2019. India imposed a 200% duty on imports from Pakistan in February, 2019. 'All countries including India impose import prohibitions based on the exceptions provided in the multilateral rules including the WTO Agreements.

Reduction in imports owing to outbreak of Coronavirus

3102. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a reduction in imports to India from China owing to the outbreak of the Coronavirus;

(b) the impact on imports of non-oil goods to India from China due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus; and

(c) the loss suffered by India owing to the reduction in imports from China, in Rupees, as of March, 2020?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) The Corona Virus outbreak in China has led to restrictions on movement of people and business activities in many provinces of China, in order to contain the spread of the virus. The closure of factories in China may affect Indian industries, which import components, intermediaries and raw-materials from China like the pharmaceutical, electronics and automobile industries.

The Government has taken the initiative to sensitize the Export Promotion Councils/Trade Bodies and our overseas Missions on the likely disruptions in supply

chains and put the Export Promotion Councils in contact with our overseas Missions to explore alternate sources/markets in those respective countries.

Balance of trade with South Asian countries

3103. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the balance of trade with South Asian countries like Bhutan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka for the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): India's balance of trade with South Asian countries for the last five years, year-wise and the current year (April-January), is as below:—

India's Trade Balance with South Asian Countries *[i.e. Exports minus Imports]*

Period : April-March

(Values in US \$ Millions)						
Country	2014-15	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020 (April-Jan.) (P)
Afghanistan	160.65	218.70	213.44	275.97	280.00	391.38
Bangladesh	5830.12	5307.81	6118.45	7928.87	8165.52	5671.03
Bhutan	184.08	187.68	201.46	168.13	286.37	242.10
Maldives	148.06	174.78	188.62	211.33	202.61	182.67
Nepal	3918.86	3432.12	5008.46	6174.57	7258.06	5424.99
Pakistan	1359.98	1730.17	1367.40	1435.75	1571.76	748.17
Sri Lanka	5947.55	4567.96	3310.95	3703.83	3221.54	2487.56
TOTAL	17549.29	15619.21	16408.77	19898.45	20985.86	15147.90

P – Provisional.

Source: DGCIIS Database.