

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1983
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th MARCH, 2021

IMPORTS DURING COVID-19

1983. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a reduction in imports from China in 2020-21, if so, of which products and is India self-sufficient in these; and
- (b) whether there has been a reduction in imports from other nations due to Coronavirus pandemic, if so, the list of nations?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a): During April-December 2020-21, India's total imports from China P Rp was US\$ 45.37 billion as compared to US\$ 51.91 billion during the same period of previous year, showing a reduction of 12.61%. The details of products for which the imports from China P Rp have been reduced during 2020-21 (April-December) are at **Annexure-I**. Imports take place to meet the gap between domestic production and supply, consumer demand and preferences for various items. The Government has taken several steps to create/enhance of domestic capacity, incentivizing domestic manufacturing through Production Linked Incentive Schemes, phased manufacturing plans, purchase preference, timely use of trade remedy options, adoption of mandatory technical standards, enforcement of FTA Rules of Origin (RoO) and development of import monitoring system.

(b): The details of major countries from where imports have reduced during 2020-21 (April-December) are at **Annexure-II**.

Annexure-I

Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 1983 for answer on 12th March 2021

India's import of major commodity groups from China P Rp during April-December 2020-21

Value in US\$ millions

S. No.	Major Commodity Groups	2019-20 (Apr-Dec)	2020-21 (Apr-Dec)*	% Change
1	Electronic Goods	17380.01	16826.62	-3.18
2	Machinery, Electrical and Non-Electrical	8337.00	6734.92	-19.22
3	Organic and Inorganic Chemicals	4147.54	3999.80	-3.56
4	Others	3819.19	2882.20	-24.53
5	Artificial Resins, Plastic Materials, Etc.	2497.21	1725.86	-30.89
6	Iron and Steel	2211.40	1566.32	-29.17
7	Transport Equipment	1893.62	1566.21	-17.29
8	Fertilisers, Crude and Manufactured	1634.35	1483.98	-9.2
9	Non-Ferrous Metals	1461.23	941.09	-35.6
10	Machine Tools	802.79	720.19	-10.29
11	Textile Yarn Fabric, Madeup Articles	710.81	435.63	-38.71
12	Wood and Wood Products	620.16	346.03	-44.2
13	Dyeing/Tanning/Colouring Mtrls.	601.66	520.41	-13.5
14	Project Goods	332.4	252.32	-24.09
15	Metaliferrous Ores and Other Minerals	210.15	161.48	-23.16
16	Leather and Leather Products	185.08	69.27	-62.57
17	Petroleum, Crude and Products	184.15	117.65	-36.11
18	Coal, Coke and Briquettes, Etc.	153.93	15.62	-89.85
19	Pearls, Precious and Semi-Precious Stones	49.34	25.73	-47.85
20	Pulses	41.66	35.79	-14.08
21	Fruits and Vegetables	36.06	27.68	-23.25
22	Pulp and Waste Paper	18.95	15.62	-17.56
23	Cotton Raw and Waste	8.07	0.02	-99.8
24	Vegetable Oil	0.43	0.1	-76.67
25	Sulphur and Unroasted Iron Pyrts	0.16	0.1	-35.54
Total of Above		47337.35	40470.65	-14.51
% Share		91.19	89.21	--
Total imports from China P Rp		51913.07	45365.37	-12.61

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (: Provisional)*

Statement referred to in reply of part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred question no. 1983 for answer on 12th March 2021

Top 35 countries from where imports have reduced during April -December 2020-21

Value in US\$ millions

S. No.	Countries	2019-20 (Apr-Dec)	2020-21 (Apr-Dec)*	% Change
1	China P Rp	51913.07	45365.37	-12.61
2	U S A	27718.89	18797.48	-32.19
3	U Arab Emts	22607.97	16301.15	-27.9
4	Saudi Arab	20398.58	11276.31	-44.72
5	Hong Kong	13149.2	10778.96	-18.03
6	Germany	10665.81	9925.73	-6.94
7	Iraq	16994.23	9514.09	-44.02
8	Indonesia	11617.42	8570.14	-26.23
9	Korea Rp	11996.35	8496.07	-29.18
10	Singapore	10815.31	8396.93	-22.36
11	Switzerland	13892.52	8334.22	-40.01
12	Japan	9604.4	7364.18	-23.32
13	Qatar	6960.73	5400.57	-22.41
14	Malaysia	7708.42	5315.21	-31.05
15	Australia	7794.42	5264.87	-32.45
16	Belgium	6990.16	4745.24	-32.12
17	South Africa	4979.21	4701.54	-5.58
18	Vietnam Soc Rep	5846.45	4120.90	-29.51
19	Nigeria	7768.66	3893.98	-49.88
20	Russia	4970.29	3813.39	-23.28
21	Thailand	5249.86	3679.90	-29.9
22	Kuwait	7163.03	3583.22	-49.98
23	France	5122.72	3032.93	-40.79
24	U K	5023.06	3032.37	-39.63
25	Taiwan	3079.23	2748.79	-10.73
26	Italy	3468.88	2671.20	-23
27	Netherland	2652.44	2219.91	-16.31
28	Canada	3258.94	2107.52	-35.33
29	Oman	2634.04	2011.12	-23.65
30	Mexico	3137.88	1927.90	-38.56
31	Egypt A Rp	1678.25	1412.42	-15.84
32	Angola	2919.84	1292.40	-55.74
33	Spain	1261.73	1078.86	-14.49
34	Turkey	1601.72	1061.84	-33.71
35	Peru	1212.34	1019.14	-15.94

Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata (*: Provisional)
