

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1033  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023

TRADE DEFICIT WITH CHINA

1033. SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that trade deficit with China has touched US\$ 100 billion;
- (b) if so, the reasons behind the increase in trade deficit;
- (c) the reasons according to the Government which is behind the rise of imports from China by 20% in recent times; and
- (d) whether export to China has shrunk by more than 25% in recent times, if so, the details and reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती अनुप्रिया पटेल)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

- (a) No, Sir. Trade deficit with China was USD 73.31 billion in 2021-22. The trade deficit during the period April- November 2022 was USD 58 billion.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Most of the goods imported from China are capital goods, intermediate goods and raw materials and are used for meeting the demand of fast expanding sectors like electronics, telecom and power in India. The rise in import of electronic components, computer hardware and peripherals, telephone components, etc. can be attributed to transforming of India into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge economy.
- (d) Export to China were steady during 2020-21 and 2021-22 at USD 21.19 billion and USD 21.26 billion respectively. During April-December 2022, export to China were USD 11.01 billion. The decrease in exports to China is attributed to slowdown in Chinese economy leading to decreased demand for goods.

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