

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BILATERAL TRADE WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether bilateral trade between India and Pakistan has registered any impressive growth in the first six months of 2001-2002 as compared to the corresponding period of last year;
- (b) if so, whether Pakistan exports to India went up by 7.38 percent and Pakistan imports from India increased by 17.87 percent during the above period;
- (c) if so, the major items which have been exported to and imported from Pakistan during the above period; and
- (d) the extent to which the overall Indo-Pak trade has been increased during 2001-2002 ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

- (a) : Bilateral trade between India and Pakistan has increased from Rs. 440.58 crores during April-Sept. 2000 to Rs. 583.10 crores during the period April-Sept. 2001 i.e. the first six months of financial year 2001-2002.
- (b) : Pakistan`s exports to India i.e. India`s import from Pakistan was Rs. 150.79 crores during the period April-September, 2001 as compared to our imports of Rs. 151.01 crores during the corresponding period of the previous year i.e. April-Sept. 2000. Therefore, there was no significant change in the level of Indian imports from Pakistan during this period. On the other hand, Pakistan imports from India have increased to Rs. 432.31 crores during April-Sept. 2001 as compared to their imports of Rs. 289.57 crores during the corresponding period in the previous year i.e. April-Sept. 2000 showing an increase of 49.29%.
- (c) : Major items of imports from Pakistan during the period April-Sept. 2001 were pulses, fruits and nuts excluding cashew nuts, spices and sugar. Major items of exports from India to Pakistan during the above said period were spices, sugar, oil meals, iron ore, drugs and pharmaceuticals, dyes and intermediates, chemicals, manufactured products of rubber except footwear, plastic and linoleum products, machinery and instruments etc.
- (d) : The overall India-Pakistan bilateral trade has decreased to Rs. 791.03 crores during the period April-December in the financial year 2001-2002 (latest available) as compared to the overall trade of Rs. 843.49 crores during the corresponding period in the previous year 2000-2001.