

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2970

ANSWERED ON:02.08.2002

TRADE WITH SAARC COUNTRIES

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the trade made among the SAARC countries after its meeting in Kathmandu;
- (b) whether the Government have assessed the impact of Indo-Pak tension on trade among SAARC countries;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the trade made during the last six months with the SAARC countries, country-wise; and
- (e) the extent to which it is less than the pre-tension period?

Answer

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

(a) : While data of trade between India and the SAARC member countries is compiled by the government organization, there is no such arrangement for compiling data relating to trade among other SAARC member countries like Sri Lanka- Bangladesh, Bangladesh-Nepal etc. The meeting of the SAARC focal points was held at Kathmandu on October, 21-22, 2001. Data of India's trade with SAARC member countries from October, 2001 onwards upto March, 2002 (latest available) is given in Annexure-I

(b)&(c): Deptt. of Commerce are not aware of any impact of 'Indo-Pakistan tension' on trade among SAARC countries

(d)&(e): Data of India's trade with SAARC member countries during the period January, 2002 - March, 2002 (latest available), along with data for the corresponding period last year, is given in Annexure-II

(Annexure- I referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha Question No. 2970 for 2.8.2002.)

Annexure-I

IMPORTS INTO INDIA FROM SAARC MEMBER COUNTRIES

VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

MONTH BANGLADESH BHUTAN NEPAL MALDIVES PAKISTAN SRI LANKA

| | | | | | | |
|--------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Oct`01 | 3188 | Nil | 16364 | 7 | 4188 | 2333 |
| Nov`01 | 3270 | Nil | 18039 | Nil | 6175 | 1193 |
| Dec`01 | 2375 | 2333 | 15276 | 7 | 1925 | 909 |
| Jan`02 | 2605 | 1185 | 15605 | Nil | 1213 | 2679 |
| Feb`02 | 2264 | 1080 | 17280 | 10 | 1120 | 5804 |
| Mar`02 | 1588 | 1345 | 4420 | 63 | 1331 | 3997 |

EXPORT FROM INDIA TO SAARC MEMBER COUNTRIES

VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

MONTH BANGLADESH BHUTAN NEPAL MALDIVES PAKISTAN SRI LANKA

| | | | | | | |
|--------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Oct`01 | 36640 | Nil | 9443 | 1245 | 3982 | 24502 |
| Nov`01 | 38934 | Nil | 7368 | 630 | 2607 | 18757 |
| Dec`01 | 24143 | Nil | 8260 | 1161 | 2648 | 39750 |
| Jan`02 | 24848 | 841 | 7123 | 830 | 3503 | 27833 |
| Feb`02 | 27248 | Nil | 8290 | 771 | 6408 | 23180 |
| Mar`02 | 22353 (P) | 3 (P) | 10714 (P) | 1492 (P) | 5320 (P) | 34899 (P) |

(Annexure-II referred to in reply to parts (d) & (e) of Lok Sabha Question No. 2970 for 2.8.2002)

Annexure-II

IMPORTS INTO INDIA FROM SAARC MEMBER COUNTRIES

VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

MONTH BANGLADESH BHUTAN NEPAL MALDIVES PAKISTAN SRI LANKA

| | | | | | | |
|--------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|
| Jan`01 | 3338 | 1327 | 11174 | Nil | 1454 | 3581 |
| Feb`01 | 110 | 945 | 12343 | Nil | 2974 | 1112 |
| Mar`01 | 2699 | 1029 | 12332 | 2 | 1335 | 1614 |

EXPORT FROM INDIA TO SAARC MEMBER COUNTRIES

VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

MONTH BANGLADESH BHUTAN NEPAL MALDIVES PAKISTAN SRI LANKA

| | | | | | | |
|--------|-------|-----|------|-----|-------|-------|
| Jan`01 | 47926 | Nil | 3717 | 996 | 6735 | 24042 |
| Feb`01 | 35705 | 1 | 3985 | 708 | 7344 | 22099 |
| Mar`01 | 41399 | 19 | 6096 | 445 | 10177 | 27985 |

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| Feb`02 | 2264 | 1080 | 17280 | 10 | 1120 | 5804 |
| Mar`02 | 1588 | 1345 | 4420 | 63 | 1331 | 3997 |

EXPORT FROM INDIA TO SAARC MEMBER COUNTRIES

VALUE IN RUPEES LAKHS

| MONTH | BANGLADESH | BHUTAN | NEPAL | MALDIVES | PAKISTAN | SRI LANKA |
|--------|------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Jan`02 | 24848 | 841 | 7123 | 830 | 3503 | 27833 |
| Feb`02 | 27248 | Nil | 8290 | 771 | 6408 | 23180 |
| Mar`02 | 22353 (P) | 3 (P) | 10714 (P) | 1492 (P) | 5320 (P) | 34899 (P) |