

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:522
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
TRADE WITH FRANCE
ANANTA NAYAK

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

- (a) whether the Government have established bilateral trade with France;
- (b) if so, the areas in which Indo-French bilateral trade has been established; and
- (c) the steps taken to improve and expand bilateral trade relation between both the countries?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

- (a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) of LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 522 FOR ANSWER 25TH APRIL 2003.

- (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Our major exports to France are cotton & man made textiles, machinery & instruments, handicrafts, carpets, organic/inorganic/agro chemicals, transport equipments, gems & jewellery, drugs & pharmaceuticals, leather footwear/goods/garments, finished leather, petroleum products, manufacture of metals, castor oil, plastic & linoleum products, electronic goods, marine products, cashew, spices, etc. Our major imports from France are machinery, electronic goods, transport equipments, organic chemicals, pulses, iron & steel, project goods, professional instruments, chemical material & products, medicinal & pharmaceutical products, artificial resins, plastic materials, manufactures of metals, synthetic rubber, newsprint, non-ferrous metals, gold, etc.

- (c) The steps taken to improve and expand bilateral trade relations between the two countries include regular interaction at Government level through the medium of the Indo-French Joint Committee & Joint Working Groups, encouraging and facilitating direct business level contacts, participation in trade promotional activities, etc.