

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:93
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000
TRADE WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan wants to increase the trade with India and propose to give the status of `Most Favoured Nation`, as per statement of Pakistan`s Commerce Minister given in a press conference in Islamabad on June 28, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present volume of trade between India and Pakistan;
- (d) whether the Government of India has received any offer from the Government of Pakistan in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 93 FOR ANSWER
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- (a) & (b) There is no such proposal. Pakistan`s Commerce Minister clarified on 3rd July, 2000 that Pakistan had no plans to accord MFN status to India.
- (c) During the period April- March, 1999-2000, India`s exports to Pakistan amounted to Rs. 405.35 crores, while our imports from Pakistan during the same period were to the tune of Rs. 296.74 crores.
- (d) No, Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.