

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1361
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2004
TRADE RELATION WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES H
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to increase trade with the neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of the countries with whom India have trade relation at present, the details thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a)&(b) Yes, sir. It has been the constant endeavour of the Government to increase bilateral trade with neighbouring countries. The details of bilateral trade of India with its neighbouring countries is annexed.

(c) At present, India has trade-relations with more than 200 countries. During April-February, 2004, the latest period for which such data is available from Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, India's total exports were US \$ 55716.92 million, while total imports to India from its trading partners were US \$ 69034.94 million during April-February, 2004.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (a) &(b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1361 FOR ANSWER ON 16.7.2004 REGARDING TRADE RELATION WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES.

Value in US \$ in million

Name of the Country 2002-03 (Apr.-Feb.) 2003-04 (Apr.-Feb.)

Bangladesh	Exports	985.12	1452.60
	Imports	53.92	61.72
	Total Trade	1039.04	1514.32

Bhutan	Ex ports	29.73	77.93
	Imports	25.80	46.45
	Total Trade	55.53	124.38

China P RP	Ex ports	1693.46	2496.81
	Imports	2527.17	3611.16
	Total Trade	4220.63	6107.97

Maldives	Ex ports	29.22	38.44
	Imports	0.31	0.35
	Total Trade	29.53	38.79

Myanmar	Ex ports	69.63	70.21
	Imports	312.05	363.11
	Total Trade	381.68	433.32

Nepal	Ex ports	266.14	571.42
	Imports	261.20	239.91
	Total Trade	527.34	811.33

Pakistan	Ex ports	193.85	237.03
	Imports	40.15	53.67
	Total Trade	234.0	290.7

Sri Lanka	Ex ports	820.05	1164.42
	Imports	77.15	120.85
	Total Trade	897.2	1285.27