

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering to lift the ban on some goods for import from Bangladesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the list of items on which such ban exists at present;
- (c) the total volume of trade between the two countries with a list of most traded sectors;
- (d) whether the Government is in the process of increasing trade between the two countries;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof with a list of sectors on which the emphasis would be given?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The total volume of trade between India – Bangladesh was 2.69 \$ Billion in 2009-10. Raw jute, jute goods, frozen foods, leather, cotton, vehicles, vegetables, animal fodder, iron & steel, machinery and organic chemicals are the most traded items.

(d) & (e) Yes, Madam. The Government of India is in the process of increasing trade between the two countries through measures like development of land custom stations, regular business interaction- encouragement for exchange of business delegations, participation in trade fairs in both countries etc. The potential sectors included are IT, Textiles, Transport Equipment, Pharmaceuticals and Packaging Materials.