

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

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IMPORT OF RAW MATERIAL BY DRUG COMPANIES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the drug manufacturers in India have been importing raw materials from various foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total value of drugs being imported in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (d) the share of China in the total drugs imported in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. Import takes place either because the country is short of it or because domestic prices are higher. The total value of drugs being imported including that from China during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise during the period 2009-10, 2010-2011, 2011-12 and 2012-13(April 2012-Dec.2012) (latest published) is available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Vol. II (Imports) for March 2010, March 2011, March 2012 and December.2012 respectively. Such CDs are regularly sent to Parliament Library by DGCI&S.