

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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IMPORT OF RAW MATERIAL H
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the supply of raw materials for some industries in the country is being met through imports;
- (b) if so, the details of the raw materials imported along with the foreign exchange spent during each of the last three years and the current year, quantum and value-wise; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to ensure adequate supply of the said raw materials to the domestic industry and the results thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN)

- (a) & (b) Import of any commodity, including raw material, takes place in the country if either the country is short of it or because domestic prices are higher. The details of commodities including raw materials imported are available in the DGCI&S publication in CD form namely 'Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India' Volume-II (Imports), which is regularly sent to Parliament library by DGCI&S.
- (c) Most raw materials are permitted to be imported freely. Domestic industries can also import raw materials, intermediates and components under the Advance Authorisation Scheme on a duty free basis for production of items for exports.