

**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) the quantum of pesticides imported/exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year and the foreign exchange earned/spent on the same;
- (b) whether there has been increase in the quantum of pesticides imported in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of the impact of such imports on the domestic industries; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to curb the import and increase exports and encourage the indigenous production thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e):- The quantum of pesticides imported/exported from the country during each of the last three years and the current year and the foreign exchange earned / spent on the same is as under:

		Import		Export	
		VALUE		VALUE	
YEAR	QTY (MT)	(US\$ in Million)		QTY (MT)	(US\$ in Million)
2010-11	53996	630	177790	1140	
2011-12	58648	721	207948	1428	
2012-13	65018	743	228790	1740	
2013-14#	46542	529	118386	920	

Figures for 2013-14 (upto September, 2013) is provisional.

The data shows that both imports and exports are increasing. Very often an export product requires imported inputs. In chemical sector, active ingredients get imported and then converted into semi-finished or finished formulations for export. The consistency in rising export reflects a healthy condition of domestic industry.