

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2075**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER,2018**

**TRADE WITH BRICS NATIONS**

2075. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAIISI:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** (वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री) be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the trade among BRICS nations is less than 5% of their total global trade;
- (b) if so, the details of India's trade with BRICS countries at present, country-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has discussed with different BRICS nations to increase trade and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether rice export to China and green channel for pharmaceutical products also came up for discussion with China;
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (f) the extent to which the trade has been affected due to UK exit from BRICS nations ?

**ANSWER**

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (e): No Madam, as per the UN COMTRADE data for 2017, the share of intra BRICS trade is more than 10% of the global trade of BRICS countries. The details of India's trade with BRICS countries during 2017-18 is at Annex-I. Through the established Institutional mechanisms such as Joint Commission Meetings (JCMs) and Joint Trade Committee (JTCs) the Government takes up market access issues for enhancing trade with countries, including BRICS countries. Through the bilateral Joint Committee Group with China market access issues including export of Indian rice and pharmaceuticals were taken up.

(f) The United Kingdom (UK) is not part of the BRICS group.

**India's trade with BRICS countries in 2017-18 (in US\$ million)**

Country	Export	Import	Total Trade	Trade Balance
China	13,333.53	76,380.70	89,714.23	-63,047.16
Russia	2,113.39	8,573.46	10,686.85	-6,460.08
South Africa	3,825.21	6,834.70	10,659.91	-3,009.49
Brazil	3,063.49	5,498.22	8,561.71	-2,434.73
BRICS Total	22,335.62	97,287.08	1,19,622.70	-74,951.46

Source-DGCIS

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