

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORT/EXPORT OF AGRO/NON-AGRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of agro and non-agro products imported and exported during 1999-2000, separately;
- (b) the amount of imported and exported items;
- (c) the difference of amount in import and export; and
- (d) the steps being taken to bring import and export at par?

Answer

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c) Quantity figures of agro and non-agro & other items are available at disaggregated level. As per the DGCI&S provisional data value of export and import of agro and other items for year 1999-2000 is as under:-

(US \$ Million)

Exports

- (i) Agriculture including plantation 4317.80
- (ii) Other exports 33280.81
- (iii) Total exports 37598.61

Imports

- (i) Agriculture including plantation 2695.29
- (ii) Other imports 44516.78
- (iii) Total Imports 47212.07

Trade deficit (-) 9613.46

(d) A number of steps have been taken to further enhance the export growth which include reduction in transaction cost through decentralisation, simplification of procedures and various other measures as enumerated in the Exim Policy. Steps have also been taken to promote exports through multilateral and bilateral initiatives, identification of thrust sectors and focus regions. Imports are made by the trade and industry according to the needs of the economy. Imports are being monitored and tariffs of some imports have been raised.

