

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

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TRADE RELATION WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India`s trade with Middle East countries have increased during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details of import/export during each of the last three years and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the trade relations between India and Middle East countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) Yes, Sir,

(b) India`s exports and imports with the countries of the Middle East during the last 3 years were of the value indicated hereunder:-

Value (in million US \$)

Country	2002-2003		2003-2004		2004-2005	
	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports	Exports	Imports
Bahrain	99.54	121.13	111.63	74.52	141.58	112.47
Iraq	214.88	0.03	75.17	0.14	128.49	1.10
Israel	634.54	602.68	723.98	669.76	989.95	972.52
Jordan	101.81	224.45	150.99	230.27	119.78	330.09
Kuwait	250.56	179.50	319.09	142.48	404.10	293.51
Lebanon	50.89	13.04	59.05	7.68	65.89	20.11
Oman	198.61	13.84	258.99	50.88	256.65	19.94
Qatar	96.10	113.07	128.44	187.05	137.20	638.91
Saudi Arabia	940.74	504.72	1123.31	737.77	1369.76	1260.88
Syria	121.23	8.84	201.46	4.65	247.62	3.64
United Arab Emirates	3327.48	956.99	5125.61	2059.85	7098.14	4581.96
Total	6036.38	2738.29	8277.72	4165.05	10959.16	8235.13

Source: DGC & IS Kolkata

(c) Measures such as exchange of high level visits, Meetings of the Joint Commissions, setting up of Joint Study Group and negotiations aimed at facilitating economic and commercial cooperation have been taken to further improve the trade relations.