

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

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TRADE WITH NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government propose to prepare a new plan to promote trade of bamboo, wood and foodgrain with the neighbouring countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether proposal of removing trade barriers with these countries especially with Myanmar have also been considered; and
- (d) if so, the total quantum of goods imported and exported in terms of value during each of the last three years and thereafter?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b): There is no proposal under consideration to prepare a new plan for promoting trade of bamboo, wood and foodgrain with neighbouring countries. However, India is making efforts to secure market access for Indian Basmati and non-Basmati Rice in the Chinese market.

(c) Trade promotion is a continuous and ongoing effort of the Government. All trade issues including the issues of non-tariff barrier are regularly being discussed with neighbouring countries including Myanmar.

(d) The trade statistics of the last three years volume-wise, value-wise is available on Department of Commerce's website [http://commerce.nic.in/india\\_trade.htm](http://commerce.nic.in/india_trade.htm) .