

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

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TRADE BALANCE  
Gandhi Smt. Maneka

**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to achieve a trade balance between its imports and exports and imports projected for the next 5 years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Whereas promotion of exports is an important objective of the Government's trade policy, imports are largely governed by the emerging needs of the economy and international prices of commodities. With comfortable foreign exchange reserves no steps are presently being taken to achieve a trade balance between imports and exports. The Government has also not made projections for total imports for the next five years.

(b) Does not arise.