

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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Trade with Gulf Countries

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

- (a) the details of India's trade with the Gulf countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether India's trade with the Gulf countries has witnessed an increase during the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance trade with the Gulf countries during the ensuing five year plan period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (c): The details of India's trade with Gulf countries (viz. Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE) during the last three years and the current year are at Annex- I and II. As per available DGCIS data, India's trade with Gulf countries has witnessed a decline during the current year, except in the case of Oman.

(d): Trade Fairs/buyers sellers meets are regularly organized in Gulf countries under Market Access Initiative (MAI) scheme of D/o Commerce with a view to diversify/boost exports and enhance trade with Gulf Co-operation Council Countries.

Annex-I

Department of Commerce

Monthly Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries) Version 6.0

Region-wise all countries Trade for West Asia- GCC region

(Period: April-March)

S. No. Country 2013-2014 % Growth 2014-2015 % Growth 2015-2016 % Growth

S. No.	Country	2013-2014 % Growth	2014-2015 % Growth	2015-2016 % Growth
1	BAHARAIN	639.36 563.24 1,202.60 76.13 5.95 -15.26 472.98 446.25 919.23 26.74 -26.02 -20.77 654.14 356.9 1,011.04 297.24 38.3 -20.02		
2	KUWAIT	1,061.14 17,153.55 18,214.69 -16,092.41 0.01 3.41 1,198.89 13,381.97 14,580.85 -12,183.08 12.98 -21.99 1,247.51 4,969.69 6,217.20 -3,722.19 4.06 -62.86		
3	OMAN	2,812.27 2,951.18 5,763.45 -138.91 8.19 46.85 2,379.44 1,752.24 4,131.69 627.2 -15.39 -40.63 2,190.79 1,674.71 3,865.50 516.08 -7.93 -4.43		
4	QATAR	969.06 15,707.99 16,677.04 -14,738.93 41.02 0.1 1,054.98 14,604.71 15,659.69 -13,549.74 8.87 -7.02 902.04 9,022.16 9,924.20 -8,120.12 -14.5 -38.22		
5	SAUDI ARAB	12,218.96 36,403.65 48,622.61 -24,184.69 24.86 7.08 11,162.55 28,107.56 39,270.11 -16,945.01 -8.65 -22.79 6,394.48 20,321.33 26,715.81 -13,926.86 -42.71 -27.7		
6	U ARAB EMTS	30,520.42 29,019.82 59,540.24 1,500.60 -15.96 -25.85 33,028.08 26,139.91 59,167.99 6,888.17 8.22 -9.92 30,290.01 19,445.68 49,735.69 10,844.33 -8.29 -25.61		
	Total of West Asia- GCC	48,221.20 101,799.42 150,020.63 -53,578.22 -5.55 -5.82 49,296.92 84,432.63 133,729.56 -35,135.71 2.23 -17.06 41,678.97 55,790.47 97,469.44 -14,111.50 -15.45 -33.92		
	% Share in India's total	15.34 22.61 15.88 18.85 15.89 14.64		
	India's total	314,405.30 450,199.79 764,605.09 -135,794.49 4.66 -8.26 310,338.48 448,033.41 758,371.89 -137,694.93 -1.29 -0.48 262,290.13 381,006.63 643,296.75 -118,716.50 -15.48 -14.96		

Data Source: DGCIS, Kolkata