

Appendix Table VI.4 : India's Imports of Principal Commodities

Commodity Group	Rupees crore			Percentage Variation		US \$ million			Percentage Variation	
	1998-99 P	1997-98	1996-97	Col. 2 over Col. 3	Col. 3 over Col. 4	1998-99 P	1997-98	1996-97	Col. 7 over Col. 8	Col. 8 over Col. 9
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I Bulk Imports	54,965	54,967	58,096	-	- 5.4	13,065	14,790	16,365	- 11.7	- 9.6
A. Petroleum, petroleum products and related material	27,064 (15.4)	30,341 (19.7)	35,629 (25.6)	- 10.8	- 14.8	6,433 (15.4)	8,164 (19.7)	10,036 (25.6)	- 21.2	- 18.7
B. Bulk consumption goods	9,600 (5.5)	5,513 (3.6)	4,310 (3.1)	74.1	27.9	2,282 (5.5)	1,483 (3.6)	1,214 (3.1)	53.8	22.2
a) Cereals and cereal preparations	979	1,083	487	-9.7	122.5	233	292	137	-20.2	112.5
b) Edible oil	7,131	2,765	2,929	157.9	-5.6	1,695	744	825	127.9	-9.8
c) Pulses	405	1,195	890	-66.1	34.2	96	321	251	- 70.1	28.2
d) Sugar	1,085	470	3	130.7	14,687.7	258	127	1	103.8	14,025.3
C. Other bulk items	18,301 (10.4)	19,113 (12.4)	18,158 (13.1)	- 4.2	5.3	4,350 (10.4)	5,143 (12.4)	5,115 (13.1)	- 15.4	0.5
a) Fertilisers	4,516	4,150	3,235	8.8	28.3	1,073	1,117	911	- 3.9	22.5
i) Crude	868	662	478	31.0	38.7	206	178	135	15.7	32.5
ii) Sulphur and unroasted iron pyrites	337	351	323	-3.8	8.5	80	94	91	- 15.0	3.6
iii) Manufactured	3,311	3,137	2,434	5.5	28.9	787	844	686	- 6.8	23.1
b) Non-ferrous metals	2,823	3,420	3,925	- 17.4	- 12.9	671	920	1,106	- 27.1	- 16.8
c) Paper, paperboard and manufactured thereof	1,891	1,866	1,770	1.3	5.4	449	502	499	- 10.5	0.7
d) Crude rubber, incl. synthetic and reclaimed	592	596	630	-0.7	-5.3	141	160	177	- 12.3	-9.6
e) Pulp and waste paper	973	1,055	823	-7.8	28.3	231	284	232	- 18.6	22.5
f) Metalliferrous ores and metal scrap	2,550	2,744	2,910	- 7.1	- 5.7	606	738	820	- 17.9	- 9.9
g) Iron and steel	4,956	5,281	4,866	- 6.2	8.5	1,178	1,421	1,371	- 17.1	3.7
II. Non-bulk Imports	1,21,130	99,209	80,824	22.1	22.7	28,792	26,694	22,767	7.9	17.2
A. Capital goods	38,570 (21.9)	36,407 (23.6)	35,223 (25.4)	5.9	3.4	9,168 (21.9)	9,796 (23.6)	9,922 (25.4)	- 6.4	- 1.3
a) Manufactures of metals	1,705	1,209	1,123	41.0	7.6	405	325	316	24.6	2.8
b) Machine tools	1,385	1,569	1,864	- 11.7	- 15.8	329	422	525	- 22.0	- 19.6
c) Machinery except electrical and electronics	13,073	13,461	12,937	-2.9	4.0	3,107	3,622	3,644	- 14.2	- 0.6
d) Electrical machinery except electronics	1,876	1,406	1,155	33.4	21.7	446	378	325	17.9	16.3
e) Electronic goods including computer software	9,351	8,391	5,354	11.4	56.7	2,223	2,258	1,508	- 1.6	49.7
f) Transport equipments	2,571	3,907	5,269	-34.2	-25.9	611	1,051	1,484	- 41.9	- 29.2
g) Project goods	8,609	6,465	7,520	33.2	-14.0	2,046	1,739	2,118	17.6	- 17.9
B. Mainly export related items	29,791 (16.9)	25,693 (16.7)	21,790 (15.7)	15.9	17.9	7,081 (16.9)	6,913 (16.7)	6,138 (15.7)	2.4	12.6
a) Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones	15,827	12,421	10,384	27.4	19.6	3,762	3,342	2,925	12.6	14.3
b) Chemicals, organic and inorganic	11,435	10,986	9,446	4.1	16.3	2,718	2,956	2,661	- 8.1	11.1
c) Textile yarn, fabric, etc.	1,836	1,519	1,273	20.9	19.3	436	409	358	6.8	14.0
d) Cashew nuts, raw	693	767	688	- 9.6	11.6	165	206	194	- 20.2	6.6
C. Others	52,769 (30.0)	37,109 (24.1)	23,811 (17.1)	42.2	55.8	12,543 (30.0)	9,985 (24.1)	6,707 (17.1)	25.6	48.9
of which :										
a) Gold and silver	20,514	11,779	3,520	74.2	234.6	4,876	3,169	991	53.9	219.6
b) Artificial resins and plastic materials	2,781	2,574	2,826	8.1	- 8.9	661	693	796	- 4.5	- 13.0
c) Professional, scientific and optical goods	3,418	2,771	1,962	23.3	41.3	812	746	553	8.9	34.9

d) Coal, coke and briquettes <i>etc.</i>	3,954	4,432	3,532	- 10.8	25.5	940	1,193	995	- 21.2	19.9
e) Medicinal and pharmaceutical products	1,447	1,447	1,089	-	32.9	344	389	307	- 11.7	26.9
f) Chemical materials and products	1,662	1,111	936	49.7	18.7	395	299	264	32.2	13.4
g) Non-metallic mineral manufactures	643	515	429	25.0	19.9	153	138	121	10.4	14.5
III. Errors and omissions	3	-	-			1	-	-		
	-	-	-			-	-	-		
IV. Total Imports (I+II+III)	1,76,099	1,54,176	1,38,920	14.2	11.0	41,858	41,484	39,132	0.9	6.0

P Provisional.

Note : Figures in brackets represent percentage to total imports.

Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics.