



DEPARTMENT-RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

**One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Report on 'Trade with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)'**

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The Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, under the Chairmanship of **Shri Bhupender Yadav, MP, Rajya Sabha** presented the **One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Report on 'Trade with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN)'** to the Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. The Report has also been forwarded to the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. The full Report is available on the website [www.rajyasabha.nic.in](http://www.rajyasabha.nic.in). Gist of main recommendations of the Committee is given below:-

**BILATERAL TRADE**

- The Committee desires that the Department may engage the ASEAN member States for giving better market access to Indian goods where we have an edge over them like leather goods, pharmaceuticals etc. so that trade balance may be improved. (Para 5.6)

**AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

- The Committee desires that appropriate quality norms may be fixed for import of processed food products from ASEAN as well as other regions of the world. (Para 8.6)

**SHELLAC AND FOREST PRODUCE**

- India should seek better market access from ASEAN countries especially for those tariff lines which are kept in Sensitive Track and High Sensitive List. This is more necessary in view of the fact that ASEAN has already provided zero duty market access to its regional trade partners as well as other FTA partners like China, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. (Para 14.5)

