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#### Introduct ion

The roots of Indo-Pakistan trade relations may be traced since the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947. The closeness of two regions and consequent locational advantages in transporting the commodities to each other, developed natural economic links in the past between the two countries. But no systematic study of India's trade relations with Pakistan has been made so far. The growing importance of trade between these two countries warrants a detailed analysis of past and present economic relations between the two in order to predict a possible course of trade in the forseeable future. The present work is an attempt to cover this It seeks to analyse the entire course of trade between the two countries and intends to examine the changes in the value, composition, structure of Indo-Pakistan trade which has taken place particularly during the eighties.

The rationale behind choosing Indo-Pakistan trade as the field of present study is the closeness of the two countries which leads to certain locational advantages in transporting the commodities from one country to the other. This is one factor which can further strengthen economic links between the two countries. In fact there can also be many advantages of cooperation between industries in the two countries. These include appropriateness of Indian technology

particularly in the context of similarity in the natural endowments of the two countries, advantage offered by India for training and back up support, and above all, the versatility of Indian experience in industrialisation. Thirdly, there can also be a possibility of stepping up trade relations between India and Pakistan through bilateral trade agreements, supply of credit and establishment of joint industrial ventures. The Government of Pakistan and India has recently embarked on a policy of encouragement to private investment in several fields and a policy of trade liberalisation. Fiscal and other incentives are being provided and infrastructure facilities are being developed. The Indian Government has a positive attitude towards import of technology, equipment and foreign participation. In this context also Pakistan throws up the possibility of increase trade and promising market for India in the coming years.

With this perspective, the focus of the present study is:

- (i) to examine the past trade and existing pattern of India's trade with Pakistan;
- (ii) to examine the nature, content and characteristics of India's trade agreements with Pakistan;
- (iii) to make an assessment of mutual trade prospects

  between India and Pakistan and to suggest measures

  for achieving the assessed prospects.

It was thought analytically convenient to break up the study into five chapters.

Chapter I mainly deals with the rationale of bilateral trade between India and Pakistan. The emphasis is on gains from trade to both the countries and on prospects which it suggests for the future.

Chapter II mainly deals with the historical background of India's trade relations with Pakistan since 1947 and carries it till the present day, highlighting the major policy changes affecting bilateral trade possibilities between India and Pakistan.

Chapter III analyses the magnitude, composition and structure of Indo-Pakistan trade and accounts for the main features of trade and the need for diversification of both the nations.

Chapter IV discusses some problems and issues which have caused impediments in the smooth flow of trade between the two countries and suggests some remedial measures to these problems. It also discusses the possibilities for expansion of trade and economic cooperation between India and Pakistan.

Finally, in Chapter V, a summary of the main findings of the study have been presented and concluding observations made.

As far as methodology adopted is concerned, analytical as well as empirical method of research have been followed to draw a clear conclusion. Despite several limitations regarding the availability of statistical data; an effort has been made to analyse the problem in a systematic manner. The study is mainly based on data available from Indian sources, although Pakistani sources have also been looked into wherever they were relevant and available.

In the said perspective it is hoped that the present work will throw some light on India's trade relations with its neighbouring country, Pakistan.

## Chapter I

### RATIONALE OF BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONS

When organisations like G-7 and G-15 are burgeoning on the political map of the world, benefits of trade, both multilateral and bilateral, are not to be negated. Current discussions of the trade policies for the underdeveloped countries centre on the clash between pro-trade and anti-trade attitude towards economic development. 1 The classical and neo-classical economists held that trade is not simply a device for achieving efficiency, it also could make an impressive contribution to a country's development by creating structural changes in a country's economic characteristics, factor proportions and relationships. According to them trade is an "engine of growth", an "actirater of change" and a "barometer of economic progress". It promotes capital formation and bestows a number of economies of scale and enables a country to produce those goods which are economical, competitive and are based on rational cost proportions. International Trade in addition to the static gains

See, H.M. Yint, "International Trade and Developing Countries", reproduced in P. Samvalson (ed.), pp. 15-16, and "The Classical Theory of International Trade and the Underdeveloped Countries", Economic Journal, June 1958.

Bhagwati, J., "Economic Development and International Trade", Pakistan Economic Journal, December 1959 and "International Trade and Economic Development", Economica, August 1961.

resulting from the division of labour with given production function, provides material means, viz. capital goods, machinery, raw and semi-finished material which are indispensible for economic development. Even more important, international trade is an important source for the dissemination of technical knowledge, transmission of ideas and for the importation of know-how, skills, managerial talents and enterpreneurship. It is also supposed to be a transmitter of capital which bring an atmosphere of healthy competition by checking monopolies and restrictive trade practices.<sup>2</sup>

It strengthens the relations, both economic and political, with other trading countries and provides an opportunity to enter into custom unions which bring forth trade creating and trade diverting benefits. With the help of negotiating bilateral and multilateral arrangements, it multiplies the bargaining capacity of a country resulting in new investment in new industries.

See an article by G. Haberler, "International Trade and Economic Development", reprinted in Economics of Trade and Development, John Viley and Sons, New York, 1968, pp. 113-28.

J.R. Hicks, <u>Essays in World Economics</u>
(Oxford University Press, 1959), pp. 132 and 183-85.

The optimism of the classical economists has been true in case of number of countries which are now among the richest in the world. It was trade that brought growth to the United Kingdom, Japan, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, France, Belgium and many other countries.

poor a century ago have developed through foreign trade, while some others have still remained poor irrespective of their becoming a part of international economy. Therefore, there have always been dissenters from the classical optimistic views. Economists like Fedric List, H.Kitamura, Singer, Myint, Myrdal, Balough, Prebrisch, G. Frank and Samir Amin etc. have questioned whether classical trade theory with its assumptions of "ideal conditions" is able to provide an adequate explanation of the distribution of gains from trade between rich and poor countries.

In the historical context they have argued that international trade had actually operated as a mechanism of colonialism, exploitation and international inequality — in widening the gap in

<sup>4.</sup> G.M. Meier, <u>The International Economics</u> of <u>Development</u> (New York, Harper and Row, 1968), p. 222.

the levels of living between rich and poor countries. Their contention is that the terms of trade have a long run tendency to deteriorate for primary exporting countries and this tendency has adverse welfare affects on the developing countries. Tt is also claimed that international trade retards development of poor economies by creating a highly unbalanced structure of production. It is maintained that foreign capital has developed only the country's natural resources for exports to the neglect of production in the domestic sector. The result has simply been the creation of a "dual economy" in which production is export-biased, and the export sector remains as an island of development surrounded by a backward low-productivity sector. international operation of the "demonstration effect" through the promotion of trade has been only a handicap for the country which has excessively raised the propensity to consume in the poorer countries and has thereby limited capital accumulation. Thus, it is claimed, in terms of the international economy that the gains from trade are of only secondary significance compared to the

R. Nurkre, Pattern of Trade and Development and Corin Cross, Trade and Development, reprinted in J.D. The Berge's (ed.), op. cit., pp. 85-102 and 113-28.

achievements of the gains of growth. So instead of waiting for the transmission of development through trade, the poor countries would be better off if they direct their own development towards an expansion of output for their domestic market.

It will be futile to debate over the issues like trade and development while analysing the trade policies of the developing countries today, when we know that just as modern nations are politically and technologically interdependent, so do they rely upon each other for resources and commodities that enable them to develop and sustain viable economies. As economic needs and capabilities are not, of course, distributed equally in the present international system. But it does not mean that degrees of dependence upon trade as a component of overall economic activity will be same the states. In fact, it will vary among the states depending upon the resource endowments in each state. For example, England and Japan rely very heavily on trade (where trade is measured as a proportion of the G.N.P) while U.S.A., U.S.S.R. (now Cls, Commonwealth of Independent States), France, and China are much less vulnerable

Benjamin Higgins, Economic Development, W.W. Norton, 1959, pp. 384-96.

to fluctuations in trading patterns. In small states like Cyprus, Malta and Iceland also a high proportion of their total economic activity is accounted for by exports and imports. So the question today before less developed countries is not to abolish international trade but to choose a trade policy based on 'fair deal' to help them accelerate the rate of income growth of their countries.

As a policy option, in this regard, orthodox economic theory stresses that multilateral trade is always superior to bilateral arrangements. The rationale is straight forward. Multilateralism enables countries to buy their imports from the cheapest possible source and sell their exports at the highest possible price and thus bilateralism is generally subsumed in the set of non-optional trade policies that diverge from free trade. However, under certain conditions, even orthodox economic theory allows for bilateral trade arrangements. The first exception relates to a situation where import restrictions are widely

<sup>7</sup> K.J. Holsi, <u>International Politics: A</u>
<u>Framework for Analysis</u> (Prentice Hall, New Delhi, 1978), pp. 244-45.

The ramification of fair deal includes elimination of fluctuations of export earnings, compensation on declining terms of trade, just and equitable price of products exported, elimination of excessive tariff and non-tariff barriers and a system of preferences.

practised. The hypothesis is that a country which applies import restrictions on a non-discriminatory basis could improve its welfare through bilateral trade adjustments. The second exception relates to a situation where a country has monopoly power in one of its exports; then, if the price elasticities of demand differ as between markets, it can benefit by charging discriminatory prices - as indeed any monopolist would do to maximise profits, provided, of course, that the favoured market cannot re-export the goods to the discriminated markets. 10

Apart from these two special cases, orthodox economic theory would suggest that multilateral trade is always superior to bilateral arrangements. This ignores the possibility that unrestricted multilateral trade more often then not, reinforces the direction of international trade flows in their present form, and makes it difficult to attain the objective of improved trade relations among developing countries.

Today most of the developing countries are facing the problem of significant shortage of

<sup>9</sup> J.M. Fleming, "On Making the Best of Balance of Payments Restrictions on Imports", in <u>Essays in International Economics</u>, London, 1971.

See, R.E. Cares, "The Economics of Reciprocity: Theory and Evidence on Bilateral Trading Arrangements", in W. Sellekaerts (ed.), International Trade and Finance, London, 1974.

convertible foreign exchange for their developmental programmes due to the decline in volume of aid from developed countries in real terms, the growing burden of debt, the increasing balance of payment difficulties and the failure of import substitution measures. Under these circumstances, if these countries adhere to the principle of multilateralism beyond a point, they would simply not be able to avail of the opportunities in international trade. In this context, bilateral trade arrangements appears a promising alternative as they would certainly enhance the possibilities of trade. In doing so we shall emphasise the possible advantages of bilateralism which might make it an attractive option in terms of policy.

- (a) First, bilateral trade on a joint basis with some countries might improve the terms of trade with the rest of the world.
- (b) Second, bilateral trade arrangements might create greater export stability not only because they offer the possibility of long term contractual agreements but also because they provide additional markets for developing countries.
- (c) Third, bilateral economic relations with other developing countries might provide alternative markets for manufactured exports

from developing countries without the uncertainty, the sales effort and the advertising
expenses which would be unavoidable in other
markets. This potential benefit is particularly
crucial in the case of non-traditional manufactured exports wherein product differentiation,
brand names and selling cost are an all
important part of any successful export effort.

(d) Fourth, given the extreme shortage of foreign exchange in most of the developing countries, the introduction of bilateralism might add to import capacity and, at the same time, underwrite an expansion in exports. This is particularly significant in view of the problem faced by developing countries attempting to promote export growth.

In the context of industrialisation, there is another point worth noting. Even if bilateral trade is inefficient at the time, or in the short run, it might well be efficient in the long run if we allow for intertemporal conditions such as those implicit in the familiar infant industry arguments.

From Indian view point, the benefits of bilateral trade are even more obvious because the Indian planning effort has been constantly handicapped by one important factor, namely, the availability of foreign exchange. Stage by stage as each five year

plan was completed, the magnitude of investment for the subsequent plan has risen and correspondingly the need for foreign exchange has gone up. Though in the initial staces of planning, the emphasis to get foreign exchange required for financing development has been on foreign aid, loans and private investments but the availability of foreign exchange from these sources, however, has remained inadequate and uncertain. At the same time reliance on foreign capital for long time has been criticised by the economists. In view of this the importance of stepping India's exports hardly needs any explanation. But it is also to be noted here that developed countries offer only a limited opportunity for expanding India's exports to them. So it becomes necessary to identify the individual products and markets in developing countries which hold a promise for Indian exports.

Bilateral trade arrangements in this regard can have double benefits. On the one hand, they will make it easier to secure specific commodities from specific countries according to the needs of economic development and on the other hand bilateral agreements will have multiple objective like increasing the volume of trade, removing the balance of payment problems, improving the terms of trade, changing the composition of trade and thus maximising mutual advantages. It must be stressed here that

an expansion of trade through bilateral channels does not ensure that the gains from bilateral trade are a forgone conclusion. It is possible that a part of the increase in exports to bilateral agreement markets is illusory. There are two reasons why this might happen. First, if supply conditions are such that domestic production cannot be stepped up to meet all increases in demand, it is possible that a country meets parts of its commitment under bilateral agreements by diverting exports from other traditional markets to the new trading partners. Second, if partner countries are very short of foreign exchange, they might reexport these goods to the rest of the world simply to earn convertible currencies.

similarly, the prices received for exports may not be favourable. Even if they are, the real benefit of bilateral trade would also depend upon the choice the imports (e.g. perishable goods), offered by partner countries and the import prices charged.

In principle, therefore, an evaluation of
the gains from trade must be based on some assessment
of (i) the net increase of exports, (ii) the composition
of imports; and (iii) the terms of trade obtained.
Such an evaluation is, obviously essential but it
is important to go beyond conventional economic
analysis. In doing so we have already emphasised

(mentioned above) the possible advantages of bilatera-

India's experience in the past has also shown that bilateral trade and payment agreements can help in promoting trade between the developing coun-India's initiation in international cooperative efforts for finding solutions for national trade problems begins with the Commonwealth negotiations leading to the conclusion of U.K .- India Trade Agreement of 1932. However, before 1959 bilateralism was not employed by India as a deliberate technique to increase her exports, or to bring about a reduction in her deficits, except with Pakistan, Afghanistan, Egypt and Burma. 11 All the trade agreement which India negotiated with foreign countries from time to time 12 were no more than an expression of a mutual desire on the part of the participating countries to expand the flow of their trade, subject to the existing trade and payments regulation in the countries concerned. The commodities that were available for export were included in the trade agreements but there was no stipulation that the

Man Mohan Singh, "India's Export Trends", Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1964, pp. 249-72.

See, Sunanda Sen, India's Bilateral Payments and Trade Agreements, Bookland, Calcutta, 1965, Appendix B, pp. 316-20.

trade in those commodities will necessarily take place, or it would be on a self balancing basis. The trade agreements served merely to bring to the notice of the other party that certain goods were available for exports. The actual level of trade in them would be still determined by normal commercial considerations.

Since 1959, however, the promotion of exports through bilateral channels amongst the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America has been an integral part of India's foreign economic policy. There is little doubt that India continued to derive substantial benefits from her bilateral trade with socialist world because a very large proportion of this trade constituted a net addition to India's exports. The socialists countries accounted for 54.2 per cent of the total increment in rupee value of India exports during 1960s while this proportion was 18.1 per cent between 1970-71 to 1974-75. 13 It is only through bilateral trade agreements that the share of developing countries in India's trade has gone up from 17 per cent in 1957-58 to 28 per cent in 1970-71.14 Thus, if India can expand its

See Deepak Nayyar, India's Trade with the Socialist Countries, World Development, May 1975.

Sumitra Chisthi, "India's Trade with Developing Countries Under Bilateral Trade and Payments Agreement", Foreign Trade Review (New Delhi), vol. 8, no. 1, April-June 1973, p. 51.

economic relations with other countries by signing bilateral trade agreements, there is every possibility of stepping up trade relations between India and Pakistan, also through bilateral trade agreements, supply of credit and establishment of joint industrial ventures.

## Chapter II

## EVOLUTION OF INDIA-PAKISTAN TRADE

prior to the partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947 the economies of erstwhile India and Pakistan were complementary in nature, just as the different parts of the same country usually are, because the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent was developed as one economic and political unit. India depended on Pakistan for her raw jute, raw cotton, food-grains and a few other raw materials. Pakistan on the other hand, being deficient in industrial products, had to import from India coal, textiles, sugar, matches, jute manufactures, iron and steel and some other manufactured goods.

But on August 15, 1947, Indian subcontinent was partitioned and two separate states of India and Pakistan came into being. Envisaging that the Inter Dominion boundary line would create some economic problems, it was considered a standing necessity to keep the status quo in the matter of trade relations. The stand-still Agreement of August 1947 was an interim measure for the continuation of the pre-partition economic and commercial relations till February 29, 1948. It aimed at removal of all sorts of impediments

Government of India, White Paper on Indo Pakistan Relations, 15 August, 1947 - 31 December, 1949, pp. 1-4.

upon the movement of goods, people and funds along the frontier of the two countries during the specified interim period.

A Committee No. VII on Economic Relations (Trade) came into being "to examine matters regarding all trade and movement between the territories of the successor governments". 2 The two governments were not permitted under the term of the agreement to \_ (1) Impose custom duties between the two Dominions, (2) Change existing import and export policy, (3) Change existing customs, tariffs, excise duties and cesses, (4) Impose any restriction on the free movement of goods and remittances including capital equipment and capital, (5) Levy transit duties or taxes on goods passing across the territory of the other, (6) Interfere with the existing trade channels by monopolistic governmental purchases, (7) Modify existing controls or introduce new controls, (8) Interfere with the contracts between the nationals of the two states.3

But restrictions imposed by the Sind (Pakistan) provincial government on the movement of a number of commodities in October 1947 disrupted the normal flow of commodities and disturbed the enterpot services of

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 2.

Report of the Committee on Economic Relations, 1947, pp. 3-4.

the Karachi port. 4 Agreement on status quo was violated when Pakistan demanded a share of the export duty on raw jute levied and collected by the Indian government at the port of Calcutta and a share of all the central excise duties levied and collected by the Government of India on Indian manufactures. But Indian government was unwilling to make an exception in regard to an individual commodity like jute, so long as any long-term settlement is reached. On 14th of November, 1947, the spirit of the standstill arrangement was completely flouted by Pakistan with her decision to treat India as a foreign territory for the purpose of levying excises on jute exported from Pakistan. On Ist of April 1948 there was no outstanding arrangement between India and Pakistan and India came to be treated as a foreign territory by her neighbour, Pakistan. imposition of trade and customs barrier naturally caused a certain amount of hardship and great deal of inconvenience on both sides. So, a new set of governmental negotiations between India and Pakistan started which led to Inter Dominion Conference held at Calcutta from 15th April 1948 to 18th April 1948. Recommendations of the Economic Committee of the Conference were accepted which guarantee for the free flow of some perishable articles of daily consumption (covering fresh fruits and vegetables, fish, fresh milk and milk products).

<sup>4</sup> Ibid., pp. 1, 5-9.

Implementation of transit facility by one country to the other and the principle governing the permission to send imported goods lying in one country for the other. 5

In pursuance of the decision taken in Calcutta, an Inter Dominion Conference was held in Karachi in May 1948 and an agreement valid for a period of one year from July 1948 to June 1949 for the mutual supply of certain essential commodities was reached. This was the genesis of the first Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement signed on the 26th of May 1948.

under this agreement apart from the goods exchanged India was to restrict the export of "Indian grown jute" which competed with Pakistan's export to other countries (Provision 5, 1948 Agreement). She also undertook an obligation to supply steel to Pakistan in spite of the fact that India herself had to import steel from hard currency countries at prices much above the Indian prices to meet her internal needs.

In spite of the agreements, however, difficulties continued to beset trade and movement. The conclusion of the Agreement did not provide a lasting remedy to

<sup>5</sup> White Paper on Indo-Pakistan Trade Relations, p. 11 and also pp. 19-26.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., pp. 27-32.

the more fundamental causes of disputes between the two countries. In July 1948 Indo-Pakistan Payment Agreement was signed between the two countries with a view to regulate the methods of payments for Inter-Dominion transactions. 7 Under the terms of the arrangements, each Dominion agreed to hold the other's currency upto a limit of Rs. 15 crores in order to accomodate a deficit in payments in either direction.

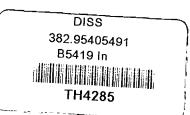
In the meanwhile a conference of representatives of India and Pakistan was held at Karachi on October 18 to 20, 1948 in which the difficulties in the way of implementation of the agreement of May 1948 were reviewed. The conference led to a new agreement (Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement, October 1948) which clarified certain points and provided for arrangements for the fulfilment of the earlier agreement. Both the Governments recognized that the Agreement must be regarded as a whole and implemented in full and arrangements should be made for timely supply of goods in accordance with the terms of agreement. After the signing of this agreement, Pakistan gave up her idea of fixing monthly quotas of jute export. On the counterpart India assured Pakistan to supply full quantity of coal and other articles in future.

R.B.I., Report on Currency and Finance, 1949-50, p. 105.

S.M. Akhtar, Economics of Pakistan, vol. II, The Publishers United Limited, Lahore, 1955, pp. 85-86.

In spite of the exchange of promises at the October conference and the resulting agreement the trade between India and Pakistan remained still obstructed. Commodities did not move according to schedule. real hurdle was the lack of goodwill between the parties. In the background were the various political and economic issues outstanding between the two countries - Kashmir, Junagarh, evacuee property, coral water and a host of minor issues. India complained that her jute industry was having anxious time because receipt of jute from East Bengal was uncertain, irregular and inadequate. The cotton textile industry of India was facing a similar difficulty with respect to raw cotton. On the other hand, Pakistan complained that as regards textiles, matches and sugar Indian prices were too high and it was cheaper for Pakistan to purchase them from other countries. Each party was blaming the other for this state of affairs but India did not give up making consistent efforts to secure a long-term understanding covering trade and tariffs in general, and raw jute and raw cotton and their products in particular. In April 1949, the Commerce Minister of Pakistan with a view to exploring possibilities of increasing inter-Dominion trade by the reduction or removal of fiscal and other barriers.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid., p. 96.



The outcome of this meeting was that besides specific remissions an agreement was reached that an early conference should be convened for considering proposals for abolition or reduction of import and export duties levied by the two Dominions, simplification of the import export control regulations, and for a more comprehensive agreement being reached with reference to the production, manufacture and sale of jute and cotton. But most unfortunate part of these agreements was this that they could not be implemented because Pakistan Government found herself unable to agree to retain a clause relating to the long-term and comprehensive arrangements in regard to production, manufacture and sale of jute and cotton. 10

In view of the unwillingness of Pakistan to arrive at any long-term understanding, an InterDominion Conference was held in the last week of June 1949 to reach a fresh agreement for the supply of commodities and a new agreement (Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement of June 1949) was signed on 24th June 1949 for a period of one year from 14th July 1949 to 30th June, 1950. This agreement had a close bearing on the Trade Agreement of May 1948 and Payments Agreement of June 1948. 11 It provided that each country should

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<sup>10</sup> White Paper, op. cit., p. iii.

Both of the Agreements had to expire by the end of 30th June 1949.

give facilities related to grant of necessary licences, use of routes and methods of transportation and other reasonable assistance. Neither party was to re-export to any other country in the same form commodities imported under this agreement. The purchase of each were to be uniformally spread over the year subject to seasonal considerations. The right of traders entering into business transactions in respect of goods and commodities not forming part of the agreement was also protected. 12

Soon after the agreement, the two governments concluded important decisions with regard to the transportation bottlenecks and movement of coal and handloom cloth on 13th of July 1949, 13 and 18th of August 1949 14 respectively.

After the agreement had been signed there was universal satisfaction in political, economic and business circles in the two countries. A wave of optimism prevailed and it appeared that the blocked channels of Inter Dominion trade had been cleared. But this optimism did not last long. The revival of hostilities in August 1949 and Pakistan's decision

White Paper, op. cit., Annexure 8, pp. 49-53.

White Paper, op. cit., p. 54.

<sup>14</sup> Ibid. Annexure II, pp. 57-61, Annexure 12, p. 62.

not to devalue her rupee. 15 changed this outlook. initial difficulty related to the problem of converting the value of goods from one country to the other and the sequence of events e.g. India's restriction on some of the imports from Pakistan, the counter inflationary measures adopted by the government of India after the devaluation, Pakistan's detention of jute purchased by India, India's suspension of coal dispatches to Pakistan, India's refusal to accept the new rate of exchange of the Pakistani rupee in terms of the Indian rupee etc. 16 which led to a complete stoppage of trade itself between India and Pakistan during January to March 1950. During this period Pakistan entered into trade agreement with Japan, West Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Egypt and France, in order to make up for the deficiencies caused in her import and export trade due to the stoppage of trade between India and Pakistan.

The stoppage of trade between the two countries was creating intolerable hardships for both the countries. So a short term Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement was signed on 21st April, 1950 which was to remain in force until July 31, 1950. The goods and

When on 18th September 1949, Great Britain and other countries of the Sterling block devalued the Pound Sterling in terms of the dollar, India followed suit but Pakistan refused to do so.

See, Sunanda Sen, <u>India's Bilateral Payments</u>
and <u>Trade Agreements</u>, 1947-48 to 1963-64,
Bookland, Calcutta 1965, p. 21.

commodities exchanged under this agreement were permitted to take place without import, export and exchange restrictions on either side. 17 The agreement also specified the unit price for raw jute for the agreement period.

To avoid currency difficulties the two Governments agreed as a temporary expedient, that transactions in commodities should be accounted for Indian rupee through a special account maintained with the Reserve Bank of India for this purpose. The intention was to maintain a balance of trade in the transactions covered by this agreement. The two governments further agreed that their representatives should meet every month to review the progress in the implementation of this Agreement.

On 25th February 1951, India accepted the official par value of the Pakistan rupee as it had been communicated to I.M.F. and from February 27, an official exchange control organisation between the two countries came into operation. <sup>18</sup> This opened the possibilities of resumption of trade between the two countries and hence a trade agreement was signed on 26th of February, 1955. <sup>19</sup> Three schedules were

<sup>17</sup> S.M. Akhtar, op. cit., pp. 105-106.

R.B.I. Report on Currency and Finance, 1950-51, p. 104.

<sup>19</sup> Indian Trade Journal, March 8, 1951.

attached to the agreement. The first contained a list of all essential commodities to be exchanged between India and Pakistan from 27th February 1951 to 30th June 1952. Among the commodities listed in the second schedule were fifty non-essential items for which no quantitative and no time limit was fixed. The third schedule contained details of export of food-grains (wheat, rice and gram) from Pakistan to India. While the quantities of food-grains were specified prices were not mentioned in the agreement.

The two governments agreed that export and import facilities granted by each country to the other would not be less favourable than those applicable to any other country. As regards the working of this Trade Agreement, Indo-Pakistan trade from 27th February, 1951 to 31st May 1952 was as under. 19

(in rupees crores)

|  |       | Exports of Pakis-<br>tan Merchandise |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|
| Under the Trade Agreement<br>Schedule I and II | 29.91 | 64.59                                |
| Not covered by Agreement                       | 5.89  | 0 • 29                               |
| Total  | 35.80 | 64.88                                |

<sup>19</sup> S.M. Akhtar, op. cit., pp. 121-23.

Thus Pakistan exported more goods to India than the latter did to the former and Indian imports were mostly from East Pakistan.

In March 1953, a new Trade Quota Agreement was concluded between India and Pakistan and it abolished, for the first time, in this history of Indo-Pakistan Trade relations, the surcharges on the movement of coal and raw jute between the two countries. On the mean-while the Pakistan Government could not maintain the over valued rate of her currency in the face of depressing markets and on 31st of July 1955, she declared her currency to be at par with the Indian rupee. So a new Trade Quota Agreement was concluded between India and Pakistan in September 1955 and it related mainly to the liberalisation of border trade between East Pakistan on the one hand and West Bengal and Tripura state on the other.

By the end of the year 1956 trade relations between India and Pakistan became relatively free of tensions. In the meanwhile a new Trade and Payments Agreement in February 1957 was signed. 22 This agreement introduced 'most favoured nation' (M.F.N) clause and the two governments had agreed to accord to each other

<sup>20</sup> Sunanda Sen, op. cit., p. 153.

<sup>21</sup> Ibid.

<sup>22 &</sup>lt;u>Asian Recorder</u>, 1957, pp. 1273-74.

the 'most favoured nation treatment'. They had also undertaken the task to explore all possibilities of mutual advantage in expansion of trade between them. It also provided for the continuance of border trade between East Pakistan and adjoining Indian territories. The commodities which were allowed to be sold in border trade free of custom duties and exchange control regulations were articles of daily consumption. The two governments also agreed to enter into special arrangements for the export and import of certain commodities like hard and soft wood, store boulders and forest produce. 23

This agreement was to remain in force for three years i.e. upto January 31, 1960 but the working of the agreement was to be reviewed every six months. So in December 1957, a meeting of the Indian and Pakistani trade delegation took place at Karachi. Soon after the Karachi meeting, there was a serious deterioration in the working of the agreement. Towards the end of 1957, Pakistani Government launched an operation 'Close-Door' 24 which included restrictive and repressive measures to prevent smuggling across the border. This newly imposed restriction gave a setback to the border trade.

<sup>23</sup> See, Karunakar Gupta, <u>India in World Politics</u>, Calcutta, 1969, pp. 242-43.

<sup>24</sup> Ibid., p. 244.

The sealing of Tripura border for some time and the promulgation of the Martial Law further gave a severe blow bringing the border trade to a complete standstill. This declining trend in Indo-Pakistan trade was also noted when the second review of the Trade Agreement was held in July 1959 in New Delhi. In the 'joint communique' published after the negotiations, it was said, "... the volume of trade between the two countries had fallen, despite the presence of natural advantages for the sustenance of a larger volume of trade. 25

Both the countries wanted to reverse this trend. So a Trade and Payment Agreement, additional to normal trade arrangements was signed in Karachi on December 3, 1959. The new agreement which was valid for one year provided for the exchange of certain commodities upto a value of 20 million rupees on either side. It was stated that trade under the new agreement would be carried out through private channels on the basis of self balancing exchanges, and that payments would be made in non-convertible Indian rupee.

After the expiry of Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement of 1957 a new two year Indo-Pakistan Trade Agreement was signed in New Delhi on March 21, 1960. Under

<sup>25 &</sup>lt;u>Asian Recorder</u>, 1959, pp. 2816-17. The trend in India-Pakistan trade has been shown in Chapter III, Table 3.1.

<sup>26 &</sup>lt;u>Asian Recorder</u>, 1960, p. 3252.

this agreement the scope and range of commodities listed for exchange under the Limited Payments Agreements (in non-convertible Indian rupees) signed on December 3, 1959 was enlarged from Rs. 2 crore to 4.10 crores per annum each way. The principal items of trade under this agreement were jute cuttings and raw cotton (supplied by Pakistan) and iron and steel, cement and bidis (supplied by India). Under a separate protocol signed, India was also to export 1,30,000 tonnes of coal per month to Pakistan.

After the expiry of this agreement Pakistan's role in Sino-Indian conflict of 1962 led to strained political relations between India and Pakistan. Indo-Pak war of 1965 led to a further decline in the total volume of trade between India and Pakistan and ultimately all trade relations between the two countries were completely banned. However, in 1966-67 and 1967-68 some trade did take place because of unilateral opening of trade channels by India, but it was negligible. There was hardly any trade worth the name in 1968-69 and 1969-70. In the meanwhile Bangladesh crisis came up which led to the Indo-Pakistan war of 1971 and to a serious set back to the Indo-Pakistan trade relations.

During 1965-73, India was reported to have made some enquiries for the re-starting of trade with Pakistan. Steps were taken in the ministerial meeting

in Rawalpindi in February 1966. In May, 1966 India lifted unilateral ban on trade. <sup>27</sup> Because of the absence of a positive response from Pakistan, however, trade remained suspended except for occasional exchange of goods through third countries. Another attempt was made at the second UN Conference on Trade and Development in New Delhi but Pakistan insisted that the Kashmir dispute be settled first. <sup>28</sup>

However, the simla Agreement of 2 July, 1972

paved the way for normalisation of relations between

India and Pakistan. Under Article 3 of the Simla Agreement, a protocol was signed in New Delhi on 30 November

1974, lifting the embargo on trade between the two

countries with effect from 7 December, 1974. The protocol

listed seven items as the immediate possibility of

commencing trade. These were cotton, engineering goods,

jute manufacturers, iron ore, railways equipment, rice

and tea. 29

Protocol on resumption of shipping services between India and Pakistan was signed on 15 January 1975, which had remained suspended for about a decade.

<sup>27 &</sup>lt;u>Asian Recorder</u> (New Delhi), vol. 12, no. 24, 18-24 January, 1966, p. 713.

<sup>28 &</sup>lt;u>Asian Recorder</u> (New Delhi), vol. 12, no. 5, January and February 1966, pp. 68-96.

Indo-Pak Relations - Politics of Trade Resumption, <u>Reconomic and Political Weekly</u>, vol. 9, no. 50, 14 December, 1974, p. 2038.

It was decided to rescind the existing restrictions on the entry of merchant vessels of their countries to each others ports.

Under this agreement, the two countries agreed to extend the Most Favoured Nation (MFN) treatment to each other in accordance with the provisions of General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). It was also decided to conduct trade in hard currency in accordance with the foreign exchange regulations of each country. Trade was to be conducted on government to government basis or through public sector agencies. The private sector was to be allowed at a later stage. This trade agreement envisaged free trade without quota restrictions. Article VI of the Agreement laid down that each country would encourage and facilitate the holding of trade fairs and exhibitions within its territory. A Memorandum of understanding was signed incorporating banking arrangements.30

Another agreement was signed in Karachi on

14 January 1976 under which Pakistan was to buy from

India 5,000 tonnes of pig-iron and 250 tonnes of bidi

leaves.

Under this MOU, representatives of the State
Bank of India and the National Bank of Pakistan
agreed upon and signed the working arrangements
for remittance facilities between the two countries
in regard to trade.

<sup>31</sup> Dawn (Karachi), 15 January, 1976.

During talks, both sides agreed that the exchange of trade information between the two countries, was essential. Towards the end, they agreed upon the following principles:

- (i) tenders, trade enquiries, etc. floated by government and public sector agencies would be communicated expeditiously to the agencies concerned in the other country; and
- (ii) public sector agencies in one country might deal directly with their counterparts in the other. 32

The delegations of India and Pakistan met in Islamabad from 12 to 14 May 1976 and agreed to resume goods and passenger traffic by rail through the Wagah/Attori Border. They also agreed to the restoration of overflights and airlinks between the two countries.

Further diversification of trade between the two countries was considered at the high level trade links held during April 1977, in New Delhi. List of goods traded was enlarged further. A standing committee at the level of secretaries was set up to provide an institutional mechanism for promoting trade between the two countries.

The 1975 trade agreement expired in June 1978 and since then both the countries have been handling

<sup>32</sup> Did.

the trade on the basis of usual government protocol. To review and improve the trade ties, two rounds of talks were held at the official level during 1978 in Islamabad.

Efforts have been made to resume trade between both the nations

- Pakistan participated in the India International
  Trade Fair, 1981, in New Delhi. Pakistan pavillion
  was one of the largest to be put up by a foreign
  country. Trade fair provided an opportunity to
  the people in general and to the businessmen and
  industrialists of both the countries, in particular
  to be aware of each other's industrial development.
- Pakistan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FDCCI), under the leadership of its President Mr. Mohd. Yousuf Zia, visited India in November, 1981 and had detailed discussions with the representatives of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) led by Mr. Arvind N. Lalbhai, the then Federation President. The FICCI delegation, led by its then President, Mr. Ashok Jain paid a visit to Pakistan in February 1983. This delegation visited important trade and industrial centres besides holding a meeting with the FDCCI and its affiliate bodies.

As a result of all these efforts the Government of Pakistan has approved the import of 40 specified items from India by the Pakistani private sector through the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (T.C.P) pending the conclusion of a new bilateral trade agreement. 33

The Indo-Pakistan Joint Commission on 10 March, 1983 is certainly a step forward in the promotion of mutual relations. For functional purpose, the work of the Joint Commission was divided over four sub-commissions in its first meeting held in June 1983 in Islamabad. One of them relates to trade. A three-day meeting of this sub-commission was held in Islamabad in January 1984. The representatives of both the countries identified 19 items for bulk trading between the two countries in order to further increase the level of trade. 34 The sub-commission on economic matters also held a meeting almost simultaneously with the sub-commission on trade and agreed to exchange visits of businessmen and industrialists. Both India and Pakistan have set up export processing zones for promoting export\_oriented The sub-commission decided that the investors of the two countries would be encouraged to set up units in each other's export processing zones in accordance with the respective regulations.

<sup>33</sup> The Tribune (Chandigarh), 22 October, 1982.

<sup>34</sup> The Tribune (Chandigarh), 18 January, 1984.

The Pakistan President, late Zia-ul-Haq, for the first time, publicly spoke about the desirability of trade between India and Pakistan. He expressed his views that Pakistan should not seek elsewhere what it could buy rather cheaply from India. 35

In the decade of eighties, the two countries have decided to allow their private sector to enter into their mutual trade.  $^{36}$ 

A follow up action of the above said decision, the Finance Minister of India, Vishwanath Pratap Singh and his Pakistan counterpart Dr. Mahbub-ul-Haq held discussions on 8th and 9th February 1986 at Islamabad. They signed the "agreed record of discussions" on 10 January 1986. Consequently, Pakistan permitted its private sector to import a selected range of raw materials, intermediate and industrial goods from India. The approved list of items consists of 42 items. Even more significant is Pakistan's promise to appoint a committee to expand the list of imports from India. The list of items for direct private trade could go well beyond two hundred.

Inder Malhotra, Parleys with Pakistan, The Times of India (New Delhi), 31 May, 1984.

The agreement to this effect was reached between the Pakistan Minister for Finance, Economic Affairs and Planning, Mr. Mahbub-ul-Haq, and India's Commerce Minister, Mr. Arjun Singh, at a meeting held in New Delhi on 15 November, 1985. Indian Express (Chandigarh), 16 November, 1985, p. 1.

As an immediate step, Pakistan has also undertaken to double its public sector imports from India
in 1986. A joint committee of the Chamber of Commerce
would be set up to explore the possibility of joint
ventures. It has also been decided that the existing
shipping agreement would be amended to facilitate shipping
between the two countries.

The new trade policy was formulated by the Pakistan government for 1987-88 ushering in many fundamental structural changes and expert orientation of the nation's economy.

At the invitation of All Pakistan Textile Mills
Association, the Indian Cotton Mills Federation had
sponsored a high powered goodwill delegation to Pakistan
in May 1988. Indian delegation had useful discussions
with representatives of APTMA, Cotton, Export Cooperation,
Export Promotion Bureau, and Karachi Cotton Export
Cooperation Association. Important recommendations
of the Indian delegation were —

- (a) A coordinating machinery between the India and Pakistan textile industries should be set up to avoid undercutting of prices and maximise export earnings from quota countries.
- (b) There is considerable scope for export of higher units of cotton yarn, polyester staple fibre, polyster filament yarn and textile machinery to Pakistan from India. The Bilateral Trade

Agreement between the two countries should be expanded to include export of these items to Pakistan.

- (c) The land route between India and Pakistan should be opened up for import-export trade to save transportation charges and to quicken the transport.
- (d) Exchange of information and visits of delegations from both the countries should be generally encouraged to instill the confidence and trust in the industry and trade of both the countries for mutual advantage. 37

Dr. Mahbub ul Haq, the Pakistan Minister for Commerce and Finance announced on 30th June 1988, a liberal import policy to boost the interests of the consumers, industrialists and the businessmen. Main provisions were -

- (a) Additional 162 items, initially in the negative list will be freely imported from India. Other 52 items which were previously in the restricted list will be imported freely.
- (b) Major reduction in the import duties on raw materials.
- (c) Special incentives are provided to overseas

  Pakistanis, under the non-repatriable investment

<sup>37</sup> Extracts from the Report of the Indian Textile Delegation to Pakistan, May 1988, Issued by the Indian Cotton Mills Federation, Bombay.

scheme (NRIS). They could also import second hand-machinery which was otherwise banned under the import policy.

- (d) National Tariff Commission would be constituted to provide protection to deserving industries.
- (e) The raw material replenishment scheme (RMRS)

  had now become redundant as restrictions had

  been removed from import of all raw materials.
- (f) New import policy would encourage the export of higher value added goods, rather than raw materials or semi-processed goods.
- (g) Private sector is allowed to import all kinds kinds of raw material and intermediate goods included in the country's import policy from India also. 38

During the visit of Shri Dinesh Singh, the then Commerce Minister of India, to Pakistan during 1-5 October 1988, in connection with the GATT Ministerial meeting, he also had fruitful interaction on Indo-Pak bilateral trade with Pakistani government and the Pakistani business community. Important areas for possibilities of cooperation between the two countries discussed at this meeting are as -

1. Automobile parts can be exchanged. Both countries are manufacturing Suzukies.

<sup>38 &</sup>lt;u>Pakistan News</u>, vol. IX, no. 2, July 16, 1988.

- 2. Unutilised textile quotas should be exchanged between India and Pakistan exporters.
- 3. Tanning industry in two countries can cooperate.
- 4. A joint trade/business council should be set up.
- 5. A bilateral barter trade agreement could be worked out.
- 6. Joint ventures should be set up in the public sector.
- 7. Indo-Pak consortium should be formed to bid for international tenders.
- 8. Pakistan precious/semi precious stores should be purchased in large quantities by India.

  MMTC has made effort in Pakistan.
- 9. Offices of business houses/public sector organisations should be opened in each other's country.
- 10. Visit of delegations and businessmen should be facilitated.
- 11. Pakistan can buy hoisery machines and needles from India.
- 12. Communication between the two countries through exchange of newspaper, etc. should be facilitated. 39

India and Pakistan signed an agreement on avoidance of double taxation on income derived from

<sup>39</sup> Op. cit., vol. II, no. 4, December 1988, pp. 5\_6.

Islamabad. This agreement shall apply to taxes on income imposed on behalf of a contracting state or if its political sub-divisions or local authorities irrespective of the manner in which they are levied. This agreement shall also apply to any identical or substantially similar taxes which are imposed after the date of signature of this agreement in addition to, or in place of, the taxes referred to in paragraph second of this Article I of the agreement.

The East India Cotton Association and the Karachi Cotton Association of Pakistan have decided to set up a joint committee to expand cotton business and related economic activities between the two countries for mutual benefit and to exchange information relating to cotton production, crop forecast, demand supply position, research and development and processing of raw cotton. The objective of the committee were signed recently when a delegation of East India Cotton Association went to Pakistan to explore possibilities to promote cotton business between the two countries. The committee will explore the possibilities of exchanging such types of raw cotton which have demand in the two countries but are not being produced locally in sufficient quantity. For example, India

<sup>40</sup> Op. cit., vol. III, no. 1, March 1989, pp. 17-19.

may need Pakistani short and medium staple cotton while Pakistan may require Indian long and extra long staple varieties. It will, further, explore the possibilities of joint approach to regain the traditional market of desi cotton in various countries. It will lay down suitable standards for quality control and formulate equitable procedure for resolving disputes regarding importing countries as well as organise exchange of trade delegation. 41

Moreover, according to latest notification of the Government of Pakistan, tea has now been placed on the freely importable list so that countries including India can export to Pakistan. The previous system of importing tea in Pakistan under STA (Special Trade Agreement) was a system devised to balance tea imports with Pakistani exports. Immense opportunities therefore await Indian tea exporters to sell to Pakistan. It is understood that quite a number of Indian tea traders are presently visiting Pakistan to explore the tea market. 42

The scope for Indo-Pak trade has further increased with the expansion of the list of private sector exports from India to Pakistan from 249 to 571 with

<sup>41</sup> Op. cit., vol. III, no. 1, March 1989, pp. 20-21.

<sup>42</sup> Ibid., p. 22.

the inclusion of an additional 322 items. 43

The third meeting of the Indo-Pak Joint Commission was held in Islamabad during 18-19 July, 1989. This joint commission meeting was preceded by the meetings of its four constituent sub commissions -

Sub commission II on trade between India and Pakistan was held in Islamabad on 17th July, 1989.

Agenda adopted for discussion was -

- Review of bilateral trade
- Normalisation of market access for export from India
- Identification of items of export-import interest and trade promotion measures.

exchange amongst themselves in the longer interest of south-south cooperation. Pakistan side reiterated on the pragmatic approach in conformity with the principle of GATT while fully safeguarding local industries. In keeping with this the Pakistan side offered a still enlarged list of 322 items developed on Harmonized system Code for private sector for private imports from India. The Indian side indicates that M.F.N. treatment should be accorded to Indian exports by Pakistan. It was agreed that there was considerable potential for joint efforts in export marketing of

<sup>43</sup> Op. cit., vol. III, no. 2, June 1989, p. 5.

selected products such as Guar Gum and Basmati rice in the mutual interest of both countries; similarly it was felt that joint efforts in import of non-ferrous metals and fertilizers would be in the interest of both sides. Cooperation in the field of automobile components was agreed upon as a potential area.

Both sides agreed to set up an Indo-Pak Joint Business Council. The Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FDCCI) would be the nodal agency from the Pakistani side and FICCI along with the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry would be the coordinator from the Indian side. It was agreed that a delegation from India would visit Pakistan shortly for the establishment of the Council. 44

Finally, India and Pakistan are exploring the possibilities of imparting a new edge to their existing trade and economic relations. Exercises have started under the two new governments in both India and Pakistan to identify the areas where both can benefit by mutual trade expansion.

<sup>44</sup> Ibid., pp. 21-22.

### Chapter III

# PATTERN OF INDIA PAKISTAN TRADE (1980 - 1990)

After analysing various efforts made by India and Pakistan to promote mutual trade, it becomes relevant to discuss the volume and composition of trade between them. Such an analysis is confined to the period of eighties because it is during this decade that Pakistan has been gradually extending the scope of its private sector imports from India. Moreover, both the countries have embarked upon a policy of liberalisation during this period.

Table 3.1

Indo\_Pak Trade Between 1948\_49 and 1979\_80

Value: Indian Rs. in crores

| Year*   | Export to     | Import from | Balance o    | of Total        |
|---------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| 1       | 2             | 3           | 4            | 5               |
| 1948_49 | 76.68         | 107.38      | -30 •70      | 184.6           |
| 1949-50 | 43.30         | 44.05       | -0.75        | 87.35           |
| 1950-51 | 30.60         | 43.87       | -13.27       | 74.47           |
| 1951-52 | 45.25         | 87.50       | -42.25       | 132 <b>.7</b> 5 |
| 1952-53 | 30.90         | 21.88       | +9.02        | 52.78           |
| 1953-54 | 8.01          | 19.28       | -11.27       | 27 • 29         |
| 1954-55 | 9 <b>.7</b> 5 | 19.38       | <b>-9.63</b> | 2 <b>7.</b> 13  |
| 1955-56 | 8.30          | 27.11       | -18.81       | 35.41           |

| 1       | 2      | 3     | 4              | 5     | - |
|---------|--------|-------|----------------|-------|---|
| 1956_57 | 7.92   | 15.76 | -7.84          | 23.68 |   |
| 1957*   | . 6.68 | 13.42 | _6.74          | 20.10 |   |
| 1958*   | 7.32   | 6.31  | +1.01          | 13.63 |   |
| 1959_60 | 7.21   | 8.59  | _1.38          | 15.80 |   |
| 1960_61 | 9.51   | 14.01 | -4.50          | 23.52 |   |
| 1961-62 | 9.45   | 13.86 | -4.41          | 23.31 |   |
| 1962-63 | 9.40   | 16.67 | <b>-7</b> • 27 | 26.07 |   |
| 1963_64 | 7.17   | 9.36  | -2.19          | 16.53 |   |
| 1964-65 | 9.78   | 15.75 | -5.98          | 25.53 |   |
| 1865-66 | 4.68   | 5.65  | -0.77          | 10.53 |   |
| 1975_76 | 0.76   | 22.12 | -21.34         | 22.90 |   |
| 1976_77 | 9.00   | 1.72  | +7.28          | 10.72 |   |
| 1977-78 | 13.32  | 23.91 | -10.59         | 37.23 |   |
| 1978-79 | 19.45  | 12.80 | +6.65          | 32.25 |   |
| 1979_80 | 8 • 50 | 24.68 | -16.18         | 33.18 |   |
|         |        |       |                |       |   |

<sup>\*</sup> Calender year

Source: <u>Indo\_Pakistan Trade Relations</u>, by R.S. Ghuman, 1986.

We first examine the trend in Indo-Pakistan trade since 1947 till the end of the seventies. A study of the data given in Table 3.1 reveals that Indo-Pak trade is marked by a considerable amount of uncertainty and stagnation over the years. Some of the significant features of this trade are as follows —

- (i) The trade turnover of Rs. 184.6 crore in 1948-49 is the highest in the history of Indo-Pak trade.
- (ii) The volume of trade which came down in the two subsequent years, again picked up in 1951-52.

  Subsequently, there has generally been downward trend with considerable fluctuations.
- (iii) The increase in India's imports from Pakistan in
  1955-56 was due to devaluation of Pakistani rupee
  and 1955 trade agreement between the two countries.
- (iv) Trade between the two countries reflected a serious downward trend between 1955-56 and 1959-60.
- Due to Indo-Pak war and subsequent trade embargo between the two countries, the volume of trade was extremely low in 1965-66 and quite negligible over the following decade. Consequently no data has been presented for this period.
- (vi) After the resumption of trade in 1975, India-Pakistan trade picked up gradually.

After resumption of trade in 1975, trade was through government agencies up to July 1976. With the induction of private trade in July 1976, the volume once again started swelling. During 1978-79, it was quite substantial as compared to 1976-77 Rs. 10.72 crore. It is 1978-79 that records the highest favourable balance of trade between India and Pakistan trade, Rs. 6.65 crore.

D.S. Arora, Indo-Pakistan Trade Relations, <u>Foreign</u>
<u>Trade Review</u>, New Delhi, July-September 1990, p. 327.

An analysis of the trade figures before 1987-88 reveals that the bilateral trade turnover was rather small in size, the hichest figure being Rs. 76 crores in 1980-81 and the lowest being Rs. 29 crore in 1984-85. In 1988-89, however, there was a marked turn around in the trade turnover which increased to Rs. 108.19 crores registering more than 100% increase compared to the previous year. India's exports also increased from Rs. 20 crores in 1987-88 to Rs.36 crores in 1988-89. This increase in 1988-89 may be attributed to the enlargement of the list of private sector export items from 42 to 249 in April 1988. With the further enlargement of this list to 571 in July 1989, the value of Indian exports to Pakistan has gone up considerably to Rs. 51.39 crores and further to Rs. 73.34 crores during 1989-90 and 1990-91 respectively. Soya bean alone has accounted for Rs. 12 crore of exports during 1990-91.

Table 3.2

Indo\_Pak Trade (1980-81 to 1990-91)

(Indian Rs. in crores)

| Year    | India's<br>Exports | Pakistan's<br>Exports | Total<br>Trade | India's Deficit<br>(_) surplus (+) |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1       | 2                  | 3                     | 4              | 5                                  |
| 1980-81 | 1.02               | 75.39                 | 76.41          | _74.37                             |

| 1       | 2       | 3              | 4      | 5                |    |
|---------|---------|----------------|--------|------------------|----|
| 1981-82 | 4.95    | 54.70          | 59.65  | <b>-</b> 49 • 75 |    |
| 1982-83 | 6.50    | 32.28          | 38.78  | -25.78           |    |
| 1983_84 | 11.77   | 27.79          | 39.56  | -16.02           | ٠. |
| 1984-85 | 12.91   | 15.75          | 28.66  | -2.84            |    |
| 1985-86 | 14.64   | 26.59          | 41.23  | -11.95           |    |
| 1986-87 | 14.95   | 27.50          | 42.45  | -12.55           |    |
| 1987-88 | 20 • 12 | 30.59          | 50.71  | -10.77           |    |
| 1988-89 | 35.02   | 72.17          | 108.19 | _36.15           |    |
| 1989-90 | 51.39   | 53 <b>.7</b> 9 | 105.18 | -2.40            |    |
| 1990-91 | 73.34   | 84.23          | 157.57 | -10.89           |    |
|         |         |                |        |                  |    |

Source: DGCIS, Calcutta

This increase in the total volume of Indo-Pak bilateral trade during 1989-90 and 1990-91, consequent to the further expansion of the list of private sector imports from Pakistan to India in July 1989 is an encouraging trend.

### Balance of Trade

As is seen from column (4), Table 3.1, India had a favourable balance of trade with Pakistan when the surplus was Rs. 19.02 crore in 1952-53. This surplus shows a deficit of Rs. -11.27 crores in the very next year, that is 1953-54. 1958 is another year

which show a meagre surplus of Rs. +1.01 crores for India.

In the years of late seventies, 1976-76 shows a surplus of Rs. +7.28 crore and 1978-79 shows a surplus of Rs. +6.65 crores. This surplus for India can be attributed to the liberalised policy of Pakistan when private enterpreneurs were allowed to trade with India. In the subsequent years Pakistan policy prevented private enterpreneurs from trading directly with India. This caused negative trade balance with Pakistan.

During eighties, there is no year when balance of trade is favourable for India. As is obvious from column (5), Table 3.2, the year 1980-81 shows a record deficit of Rs. -74.37 crore, thereafter the deficit fall until 1984-85 when it was only Rs. -2.84 crores. Thereafter India's deficit trade balance with Pakistan started to increase. During this decade, total volume of trade had gone up but balance of trade was in favour Pakistan. This increase in trade in the early and mideighties was due to greater interest generated as a result of exchange visit of delegations between the two countries. The quantum jump in trade in 1988 is due to increase in the growth of imports, especially of cotton, rather than any spectacular increase of India's exports to Pakistan.

Table 3.2, column (5) depicts a record deficit of Rs. 74.37 crore during the years 1980-81. This is

because of Pakistan's hue and cry about her trade deficit with India during the preceding years. India' made deliberate efforts to increase her imports from Pakistan. But, Pakistan's imports from India were only through her government agencies whereas India allows her private sector to trade with Pakistan. Moreover Pakistan permits only a selected list of products to be imported from India. This led to higher Indian imports from Pakistan than Pakistani imports from India.

#### Composition and Structure of Trade

Tables 3.3 and 3.4 indicate the composition of India's imports from and exports to Pakistan respectively during the years 1978-79 to 1988-89.

On the export side, the number of items which claimed a major share was more than that on the import side. Vegetable and vegetable preparations, fruit and fruit preparations, spices, cigars and cheroots, crude vegetable materials were the main items. As against imports, Indian exports to Pakistan included a substantial amount of manufactured items also. Glass and glassware, iron and steel and manufactures, machinery and parts (including electrical machinery apparatus and appliances), printed matters, road motor vehicles, structures and parts of structures, polishes and creams for footware and furniture contributed a substantial share in the total amount of export to Pakistan.

Table 3.3

Composition of India's Export to Pakistan

Value: '000 rupees

| Commodities  | 1980-81   | 1981-82   | 1982-83 | 1983_84 | 1984-85 | 1985_86        | 1986-87 | 1987-88      | 1988-89      | )  |
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| Vegetable and Vege-<br>table preparations                                | Grand | garaggintiggan (IMMigaantijaan May phinaganad<br>Dank |         | 31776   | 1874    | 35988          | 21351   | 869          | 103          |    |
| Fruit and Fruit preparations   | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b> .  | -       | 2163    | 8697    | 3257           | 3401    | 1993         | 200          |    |
| Spices (except pepper)   | -   | 387   | -       | 6348    | 7112    | 9 <b>77</b> 5  | 13846   | 12354        | 4737         |    |
| Cigars and cherrots  | <b>-</b>  | 7879  | 199     |         | 102     |                | 8       | 16           | 22           |    |
| Iron ore and concen-<br>trates   | •   | 18369   | 47587   | 42179   | 91688   | 6 <b>67</b> 54 | 14592   | 146095       | 33890        | 51 |
| Tea  | s —   |   |         | 12238   | 80128   | 22548          | 20709   | 22200        | 2 <b>737</b> |    |
| Stone, granite and slate   | <b></b>   | -   |         | 951     | 1352    | 240            |         | _            | _            |    |
| Synthetic organic dye stuff indigo,                                      |   |   |         |         |         |                |         |              |              |    |
| colour lakes, dying and tanning extracts and synthetic tanning materials |   | -   | <b></b> | 1955    | 9414    | 4613           | 6488    | <b>7</b> 988 | 3051         | •  |
| Crude vegetable materia  | als -   | -   | _       | 24829   | 38851   | 40071          | 69751   | 97368        | 26412        | -  |

| Chemical elements and compounds  | - |      | -           | 3809        | 30 26 | 669         | 8057 | 4240         | 171  |
|--|---|------|-------------|-------------|-------|-------------|------|--------------|------|
| Chemical materials and products  |   |      | · ,         | 6236        | 5242  | 1333        | 2773 | 1969         | 310  |
| Paper, paper boards,<br>articles made of paper<br>pulp of paper or paper |   |      |             | ·           | •<br> |             |      |              |      |
| board and floor covering<br>of paper and paper<br>boards                 | - | _    | -           | 35          | 151   | 15          | 170  | -            | -    |
| Glass and glass-ware   | - | 1389 | 56 <b>7</b> | <b>7</b> 68 | 7685  | 976         | -    | -            | _    |
| Iron and steel and manufactures thereof                                  |   | -    | · .         | 1267        | 3359  | 2140        | 459  | 263 <b>7</b> | _    |
| Machinery and parts<br>(including electrical                             |   |      |             |             |       |             |      |              |      |
| machinery, apparatus and appliances)                                     | - |      | -           | 777         | 1947  | 3378        | 2903 | 2254         | 1995 |
| Measuring controlling<br>and scientific instru-<br>ments                 |   | 222  | - ·         | 322         | 437   | 58 <b>7</b> | 977  | 525          | 1]   |
| Printed Matter   | - | -    | ·           | 145         | 637   | 1318        | 3241 | 13621        | 2550 |
| Toys, Games and sporting goods   | - | •    | _           | -           | _     | 133         | 35   | 22           | 26(  |
| Manufactured articles  |   | •••  | _           | 1           | 79    | 5           | 7    | 32 <b>7</b>  | _    |

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| pecial transactions ot classified according                |       | •         |            |            |     |            |            |      | e.   |
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| o kind   | -     | ,         | -          | 20         | 14  | 406        | 1209       | 1946 | 1123 |
| oad Motor Vehicles   | -     | •         | -          | 65         | 565 | 32         | 606        | 2656 | -    |
| ledical Instruments<br>ind appliances                      |       | . <b></b> | -          | 133        | 52  | <b>-</b>   | <b>4</b> 8 | 187  | -    |
| other non-electric<br>earts and accessories<br>of machines | 17    | 5         | <b>-</b> . | <b>-</b>   | -   | 21         | -          | -    | -    |
| tructures and parts of structures                          | -     | 5900      | 322        | <b>One</b> | 440 | -          | . <b></b>  |      | _    |
| Revolution counters  |       | ·         |            |            |     |            |            |      |      |
| and product counters,<br>caxi metres                       | 226   | 5         | 9298       |            | _   | <b>tio</b> | -          |      | -    |
| sporting goods   | 7     | 1592      | 469        | 1932       | 521 | ***        | . <b></b>  | 298  | -    |
| Polished and creams<br>For footwear and                    |       |           |            | . •        | •   |            |            |      |      |
|  | 20 25 | 6831      | 3021       | -          |     |            |            | -    | -    |

Source: News from Indo-Pak Desk, PHD Chamber of Commerce, vol. 5, no. 1 and II, March-June, 1991, pp. 15-19.

Table 3.4

Composition of India's Imports from Pakistan

Value: '000 rupees Commodities 1980-81 1981-82 1982-83 1983-84 1984-85 1985-86 1986-87 1987-88 1988\_89 Edible Nuts 5 Fruits, Fresh or dried, Fruit preparations Spices (except pepper) Hides and skins Cotton (Raw) Vegetable and synthetic textile, Fibres and their waste Common Salt (sea and rock) Minerals Crude Ore and concentrates of non-ferrous materials Vegetable and vegetable preparations Crude vegetable material 8992 

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|---|--------------|---|---------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--|---------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| News Print                                      | 23           | 1981                                    |         |                                       | -         | and the state of t | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |              | _            |
| Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones       |              | _                                       |         |                                       | 720       | 321  | 1045                                  |              | _            |
| Pig Iron, Cast Iron                             | -            | 97659                                   | 2322139 | -                                     | . •       | -  | -                                     |              | -            |
| Iron and steel and manufactures thereof         | _            | 1937                                    | ~       | 162802                                | . <b></b> | 24116  | 22003                                 | 656          | <b>-</b>     |
| Parts of Air craft                              | 35           | -                                       | -       | -                                     | · _       | -  |                                       | 3            | -            |
| Dairy Products                                  | -            | _                                       |         | 29                                    | ***       | 11   | 5                                     | 9            |              |
| Fish and Fish Pre-<br>parations                 | ••           | - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |         | ****                                  | _         | 59   | _                                     | _            | -            |
| Rice  | -            |   | . •••   | 10710                                 | •         |  | •••                                   | <b></b>      | -            |
| Coffee, coco, chocolate and other food          |              | -                                       |         | •••                                   | -         | -  | -                                     | 146          | -            |
| Sugar confectionary not containing coco         | <del>~</del> |   |         | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | <u> </u>  |  | 56                                    | <del>-</del> |              |
| Food preparation                                | -            | -                                       | •••     | 43                                    | _         | -  | ·<br>·                                |              | -            |
| Oil seeds                                       |              |   |         | 2856                                  | 870       | 2390   | 4383                                  | 11953        | 5030         |
| Non-alcoholic beverages                         | -            | _                                       |         | _                                     | 637       | 694  | <del>-</del>                          |              | _            |
| Tobacco Manufactured                            | · <b>-</b>   | _                                       |         | -                                     | _         | 1 <b>74</b> 2  | _                                     |              | <del>-</del> |
| Stone, granote and slate worked, sand and grave | -            |   |         | 81                                    | 304       | <b>-</b>   | _                                     | <u>-</u>     | <u> </u>     |
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| Wool                                       | •••            | _       | -             | uto               | •••     |               | 10931       | 1591        | -          |
|--|----------------|---------|---------------|-------------------|---------|---------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Marble, marble chips<br>and marble worked  |                | 1402    | 1981          | 1197              | -       | 7             | -           | · .<br>-    |            |
| Iron ore and concentrates                  | 421            | - ·     | -             | _                 | -       | 912           | 350         | 3550        | 131        |
| Natural gums, resins,<br>blason and Cues   |                | ·       | -             | 1100              | 407     | 546           | 198         | 715         | 36         |
| Fertilizer manufactured                    |                | <b></b> |               | 7138              | 10 16 1 | 5916          | _           | <b></b>     | . <b>-</b> |
| Petroleum (for neptha)                     | , <del>-</del> | 270     | -             | 417               |         | , <del></del> |             | _           | •••        |
| Petroleum products                         | <b>-</b> '     | -       | -             | •                 | -       | •             | 70159       | 60944       | _          |
| Yarn and thread of artificial fibre        | ;<br>-         | _       | •••           | 3549              |         | 13553         | . <u>-</u>  | —           | -          |
| Chemical elements and compounds            | -              | enes.   |               | -                 | 3       | _             | 11554       | 10835       | 356        |
| Pigments, paints, varnishes                | -              | -       | , <del></del> | -                 | 35      | 94            | 60          | _           | -          |
| Plastic materials and artificial           | . <del>-</del> |         | <del></del>   | ,<br><del>-</del> | -       | . <b>-</b>    | <b>7</b> 58 | 616         | _          |
| Medicinal and Pharma-<br>ceutical products | 213            | 107     |               | 830               | 563     | <b>43</b> 8   | 157         | <b>7</b> 25 |            |
| Polishes                                   | _              | -       | _             | -                 | -       | 280           | <b>-</b> ,  |             | _          |

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|--|-------------|----------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------|----------|--------|--------------|
| Chemical materials and artificial resins | <b>-</b> .′ | -        | <b>-</b>    | -             | Pala         | 870    | <b>-</b> | -      | -            |
| Cotton Fabrics                           |             |          | -           | 559 <b>57</b> | 315869       | 123309 | 11019    | 10321  | 3925         |
| Cotton Yarn                              |             | -        | —           | <b></b>       | 402          | 1079   | 1811     | 9036   | <b>-</b> .   |
| Printed Matters                          | 68          | 41       | <b>75</b> 8 | 129           | 721          | 167    | 312      | 876    | 70           |
| Leather                                  | 4 T         | -        | ***         | -             | -            | 9299   | 61234    | 52033  | 4102         |
| Special Transactions                     | 226         | 336      | 114         | 21457         | 7588         | 421    | 2160     | 170    | 19           |
| Machinery parts (elec/non-electrical)    | 51          | - ·      | <br>-       | 994           | 2 <b>2</b>   | 24     | 903      | -      | <del>-</del> |
| Toys, Games and sporting goods           | -           | ·<br>-   | · •         | <b>67</b>     | <del>-</del> | 45     | 62       |        | 258          |
| Manufactured articles                    | _           | <b>-</b> | · .—        | 100           | -            | 53     | 582      | -<br>- | <u> </u>     |
|  |             |          |             |               |              |        |          |        |              |

Source: News from Indo-Pak Desk, PHD Chamber of Commerce, vol. V, no. 1 and II, March-June 1991, pp. 13-15.

Table 3.3 shows that tea, bidi, leaves, iron and steel, chemicals, rubber belts and tyres, pharmaceuticals, wood and timber, aluminium, machinery and equipment, iron ore etc., were the important items on the export list. Bidi leaves and iron and steel were the only two items during the first year of trade resumption.

Tea occupied a prominent place during 1976-77 and 1983-1989. It alone accounted for more than 64 per cent of the total exports. This along with bidi leaves and iron and steel constituted more than four-fifths of the total exports.

chemicals, textiles, mineral manufactures, iron and steel, machinery and equipment accounted for about 96% of the total exports in 1980-81. Spices amounted to 16 per cent of the total exports during 1981-82. This along with bidi leaves, crude vegetable materials (inedible), glass and glassware and manufactures constituted about 52 per cent of total exports during 1981-82.

India entered into an agreement with Pakistan for supplying 1.93 million tonnes of iron ore spread over a period of about seven years from September 1980 to March 1987. The payment of iron ore would be received

<sup>2</sup> Ranjit Singh Ghuman, "Indo-Pakistan Trade Relations", Deep and Deep Publications, New Delhi, p. 79.

in US dollars and the price for each year of supply would be fixed by negotiations.

As for the imports from Pakistan, fruits, fresh and dried and fruit preparations, vegetable and synthetic textile, common-salt, crude vegetable material, oil seeds, cotton fabrics, cotton yarm accounted for a major share.

The composition of imports after the resumption of trade demonstrate that raw cotton, fruits, iron and steel, paper and paper board and rock salt were the major items. Raw cotton was eliminated during 1978-80. Paper and paper board was an important item in 1979-80. Fruits, nuts and iron and steel constituted about 5% of the total imports during 1980-81.

In 1982, cotton again emerged as an important import item as its share in the total imports was about 22 per cent. India's imports from Pakistan included sizeable quantities of finished and semi-finished goods. During 1981-82, India purchased about 2.25 lakhs tonnes of pig iron valued at Rs. 2900 lakhs. This made up more than 72 per cent of the total imports.

Recently, urea, pig-iron and fuel oil were added to the import list from Pakistan. The state

<sup>3 1.93</sup> million tonnes of Indian Iron Ore for Pakistan, <u>The Times of India</u> (New Delhi), 29 November, 1980.

owned Indian Oil Corporation signed an agreement with the National Refinery Limited of Karachi for the import of one lakh tonnes of fuel oil. The import was estimated to cost about Rs. 1760 lakhs. The Government of India also placed orders for the purchase of urea from Pakistan worth Rs. 500 lakhs. The sale of 60,000 tonnes of Pak pig-iron to India was a new dimension added to the bilateral trade.

The imports from Pakistan saw wide fluctuations despite a good number of efforts to boost the bilateral trade. The major factor was the failure of Pakistan's cotton crop, which incidentally was its main export item to India, for two successive years after the resumption of trade.

As is clear from Table 3.3, cotton was eliminated altogether from the import list during 1978-81. One reason for this was the increased domestic production of cotton in India and less exportable surplus in Pakistan during those years. However, even during 1981-82, the quantity of cotton improved from Pakistan was quite low as compared to 1975-76 level. The one-and-a-half per cent commission of the Cotton Corporation of India became an additional burden on the importers. In addition, import duty on Pak cotton was about 40 per cent. Since the price of cotton imported from

Indian Express (Chandigarh), 22 January 1981.

<sup>5</sup> Economic Times (New Delhi), 23 August, 1981.

Pakistan was only marginally lower than the current ruling price in India the cost of imported cotton would become probably high when the duty was paid.

Hence the reluctance of the mills to clear the consignment.

# Structure of Indo-Pakistan Trade

Tables 3.5 and 3.6 gives the structure of India's export to Pakistan and import from Pakistan respectively in terms of ten standard Industrial Trade Classification Sections 0 - 9.

On the export side, it is interesting to note that during 1980-81, crude materials, chemicals and manufactures together constituted 79.96 per cent of total export to Pakistan while the share of beverages, tobacco, miscellaneous manufactured goods and goods not classified by kind is insignificant.

Compared to 1980-81, in the year 1990-91 export to Pakistan has become more diversified where food and live animals constitute 8.58 per cent, beverages and tobacco constitute 15.58 per cent, crude materials 14.64 per cent, minerals, fuels and lubricants etc. 7.68 per cent, vegetable and animal oils and fats 26.64 per cent, miscellaneous manufactured goods 9.45 per cent, goods not classified by kind 14.63 per cent, share of chemicals, manufactures, machinery and transport equipment has been 2.21 per cent, 0.45 per cent and

Table 3.5
Structure of India's Export to Pakistan

| SITC Sections | Description                       | Value Rs. '000<br>(Section 0-9)<br>and percentage<br>distribution<br>(1980-81) | Value Rs. '000<br>(Section 0-9)<br>and percentage<br>distribution<br>(1990-91) |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| 1             | 2                                 | 3  | 4  |
| 0 - 9         |                                   | 10100.25   | 724372.18  |
| 0             | Food and live animals             | -  | 8.58   |
| 1             | Beverages and Tobacco             | 0.019  | 15.58  |
| 2             | Crude Materials                   | 28.66  | 14.64  |
| 3             | Mineral fuels and Lubricants etc. | -  | 7.68   |
| 4             | Vegetable and animal oils and fat | s  | 26.64  |
| 5             | Chemicals                         | 20 • 23  | 2.21   |
| 6             | Manufactures                      | 31.07  | 0.45   |
| 7             | Machinery and Transport equipment | 13.07  | 2•99   |

Table 3.5 Cont'd ...

| 2                                | 3    | 4     |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|
| Miscellaneous manufactured goods | 2.61 | 9.45  |
| Goods not classified by kind     | 0.37 | 14.63 |

Source: Statistics of Foreign Trade of India, D.G.C.I. and S, Calcutta.

| SITC Section | Description                        | Value Rs. '000<br>(Section 0-9)<br>and percentage<br>distribution<br>(1980-81) | Value Rs. '000<br>(Section 0-9)<br>and percentage<br>distribution<br>(1990-91) |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
|              |                                    |  |  |
| 0 - 9        |                                    | 734643.189   | 844872.494   |
| 0            | Food and live animals              | 51.46  | <b>-</b> .   |
| 1            | Beverages and Tobacco              |  | _  |
| 2.           | Crude materials                    | 18.49  | 27.79  |
| 3            | Mineral fuels and lubricants etc.  | · -  | 19.35  |
| 4            | Vegetable and animal oils and fats | <b>-</b> '   | 16.12  |
| 5            | Chemicals                          | 17.48  | 19.15  |
| 6            | Manufactures                       | 14.94  | 0.16   |
| 7            | Machinery and Transport equipment  | 0.19   | 16.86  |

Table 3.6 Cont'd ...

| 1 | 2                                    | 3    | 4    |
|---|--------------------------------------|------|------|
| 3 | <br>Miscellaneous manufactured goods | 0.13 | 0.12 |
| Ð | Goods not classified by kind         | 0.49 | 2.03 |

Source: Statistics of Foreign Trade of India, D.G.C.I. and S, Calcutta

### 2.99 per cent respectively.

study of India's main imports from Pakistan. Some individual commodity groups had considerable importance with
regard to India's trade with Pakistan. For example,
during 1980-81, food and live animals constituted 51.45
per cent of total import from Pakistan. In case of
chemicals and manufactured goods, this share was 17.48
per cent and 14.94 per cent respectively. The import
of other items from Pakistan like machinery and transport equipment, miscellaneous manufactured goods, goods
not classified by kind had a marginal share in India's
total import of these commodities.

compared to 1980-81, in 1990-91 crude materials share has been about 27.79 per cent, chemicals too has not shown any appreciable decline which is 19.15 per cent. But machinery and transport equipment has moved to 16.86 per cent of total import while the share of manufactures, miscellaneous manufactured goods remained insignificant.

It is also seen that in 1980-81 on export side primary commodities (0 - 9) contributed 28.67 per cent of total export while manufacturing goods (5 - 9) accounted for 67.35 per cent of the total export.

But in 1990-91, primary goods share increased to 73.12 per cent of total export and manufacturing decreased to

29.73 per cent of total export. Likewise on the import side, in 1980-81, primary goods (0 - 4) contributed 69.95 per cent of total import and manufacturing (5-9) accounted for 33.23% of total import, while in 1990-91 the figures for primary goods was almost equal of 68.26 per cent and manufacturing showed 38.32% of the total import.

# Commodity Concentration of Bilateral Trade

Table 3.7

Concentration of India's Bilateral Exports
to Pakistan

|         |                           | xports of Too                | Share of                     | E Top                        |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|         | 10 Items<br>(in Rs. 1000) | 20 Items<br>(in Rs.<br>'000) | 10 Items<br>(in per<br>cent) | 20 Items<br>(in per<br>cent) |
|         |                           |                              |                              |                              |
| 1977-78 | 73617.34                  | 77681.99                     | 79.67                        | 84.07                        |
| 1978-79 | 15679.09                  | 22497.66                     | 27.90                        | 40.03                        |
| 1979-80 | 2109.60                   | 2119.26                      | 90.01                        | 90 • 42                      |
| 1980-81 | 2040.64                   | 4071.10                      | 25.57                        | 51.01                        |
| 1981-82 | 23995.54                  | 26078.88                     | 84.63                        | 91.98                        |
| 1982-83 | 56760.92                  | 58479.95                     | 91.93                        | 94.72                        |
| 1983-84 | 81013.84                  | 90975.77                     | 66.79                        | 75.01                        |
| 1984-85 | 92042.41                  | 103316.50                    | 79.61                        | 89.36                        |
| 1985_86 | 120919.00                 | 1366769.80                   | 86.85                        | 98 • 23                      |
| 1986_87 | 265093.50                 | <b>30</b> 99 <b>74</b> •80   | 81.27                        | 95.03                        |

Source: Economic Cooperation in the SAARC Region by V.R. Panchamukhi, et. al., Interest Publications, New Delhi, p. 122.

export to Pakistan. India's export of the top ten items to Pakistan was of Rs. 73.6 million in 1977-78 which accounted for 79.67 per cent of the top then products exported to Pakistan. The value of top ten products went up to Rs. 265.1 million in 1986-87 which accounted for 81.27 per cent of the top ten products export with Pakistan.

Likewise, the value of top twenty products exported to Pakistan was significantly higher. It increased from Rs. 77.6 million to Rs. 309.9 million in 1977-78 to 1986-87 respectively. The percentage share of top twenty products had gone up to 95.03 per cent in 1986-87 from 84.07 per cent in 1977-78. This shows that the commodity concentration of India's export to Pakistan in respect of top ten and top twenty products is highly concentrated leading to the possibility of a greater unstability in trade between both the countries.

Table 3.8 presents the concentration of India's imports from Pakistan. India's volume of import from Pakistan in top ten products was Rs. 1.08 million in 1977-78 which increased to Rs. 300.00 million in 1986-87. The percentage share of top ten products imported from Pakistan to India registered an increase from 73 per cent in 1977-78 to 94 per cent in 1986-1987.

Table 3.8

Concentration of India's Bilateral Imports
from Pakistan

| Year    | Volume of I   | mports of Top | Share of T       | <b>o</b> p    |
|---------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
|         | 10 Items      | 20 Items      | 10 Items         | 20 Items      |
|         | (in Rs. '000) | (in Rs. '000) | (in per<br>cent) | (in per cent) |
|         |               |               |                  |               |
| 1055 50 | 1000 10       | 1420.00       | <b>5</b> 0       | 0.5           |
| 1977-78 | 1082.49       | 1439.09       | 73.02            | 97.07         |
| 1978-79 | 894.28        | 894.67        | 80.16            | 80 • 20       |
| 1979-80 | 1003.27       | 1084.30       | 87.05            | 94.09         |
| 1980-81 | 27520.58      | 28127.57      | 96.88            | 99.02         |
| 1981-82 | 16106.35      | 22791.72      | 64.38            | 91.01         |
| 1982-83 | 27598.92      | 30503.33      | 87.92            | 97 • 17       |
| 1983-84 | 26832.74      | 46879.37      | 55.68            | 97 • 28       |
| 1984-85 | 71.104.04     | 75798.64      | 93.01            | 99.25         |
| 1985-86 | 841186.36     | 86672.08      | 96.53            | 99.38         |
| 1986_87 | 300000 •00    | 320000 -00    | 93.94            | 99.71         |
|         |               | · .           |                  |               |

Source: Economic Cooperation in the SAARC Region by V.R. Panchmukhi et. al., Interest Publications, New Delhi, p. 126.

Likewise, the volume of top twenty products imported from Pakistan registered significant increase of Rs. 318.56 million since 1977-78 to 1986-87. The total value of top twenty product in terms of percentage also increased from 97.07 per cent in 1977-78 to 99.71 per cent in 1986-87. These figures point

out that on the import side also India's import from Pakistan regarding the top ten and twenty products is highly concentrated leading to the possibility of a greater degree of unstability in trade between both the countries.

# Chapter IV

#### CONSTRAINTS AND POTENTIALITIES

The close cultural affinity and geographical proximity of India and Pakistan, notwithstanding, close economic ties between them has been precluded by mutual political distrust and suspicion. It is now being recognised that both the nations are paying heavy price for denying themselves benefits which would have occurred to them, had they got closer to each other in areas such as trade and industrial collaboration.

To begin with, it is useful to recall the role of the apprehension factor, perceived by the commercial-industrial sectors as a constraint to the development of Pakistan-India economic relations. This apprehension is often expressed in terms of the possible economic dominance by Indian industrial interests on industrial and commercial interests of Pakistan in a regime of bilateral trade and investment.

This is reflected in , among other things, bilateral restrictions on trade and cultural and economic contacts, despite age-old historical ethnic and economic bonds.

Resume of Discussions of the Meeting between the Ambassador of Pakistan in India and the PHDCCI, PHDCCI, New Delhi, January, 1989, (unpublished).

Secondly, major areas of bilateral neglect has been the development of coordinated if not integrated physical and institutional infrastructural linkages. Most pre-independence land and rail routes have long been discontinued: relaxation of bilateral shipping restrictions began only a decade ago; and access by air continues to be limited. These two factors have together contributed to high information and transport costs of doing business with one another. 2 The speedy formalisation of SAARC institutions - the Secretariat, the Technical Committees, and the Summits, among others - has no doubt accelerated the development of mutual awareness regarding economic potentials and constraints. Industrial and commercial awareness has increased rapidly due to more frequent exchange of business and official delegations and seminars and workshops involving the trading and investing interests from the two countries. 3 The Indo-Pakistan Joint

It was noted in <u>Indian Industry and Prospects</u>
for <u>Regional Economic Cooperation in South</u>
Asia, Friedrich Ebert Foundation - Administrative Staff College of India joint monograph,
New Delhi/Hyderabad, May 1988, that high
transport costs due to lack of sufficient
land and water routes between the two countries
are one of the major constraints perceived by
Indian industry in bilateral trade. This
has been reinforced by Talwar, W.N., <u>Emerging</u>
Opportunities for Indo Pak Business Cooperation,
PHDCCI, New Delhi, 1988.

<sup>3</sup> Talwar, W.N., oo. cit.

commission in its latest (July 1989) meeting made several recommendations regarding easing bilateral travel restrictions, expansion of the list of mutually tradeable items, and facilitation of business visits and exchange of procedural information. The Bombay and Karachi stock exchanges have recently mooted a plan to form an association of stock exchanges of the SAARC countries. 5

Despite these encouraging developments, however, several major institutional barriers are yet to be dealt with at both bilateral and multilateral levels. For instance, the idea of an umbrella federation of South Asian Chambers of Commerce and Industry was mooted some three years ago, which still has to come into being. However, even a bilateral federation of national apex chambers in India and Pakistan has not yet been formalised, though some linkages with PHD Chambers of Commerce and Industry exists. To facilitate resource mobilisation for investment flows and joint resource allocation adjustments, the idea of a regional investment bank or fund has been proposed, but again regional investors will

Financial Express, 19th and 20th July, 1989.

<sup>5</sup> Business Standard, 20th August, 1989.

<sup>6</sup> Financial Express, 22nd August, 1989.

Waqif, Arif A., An Approach to Regional Economic Cooperation in South Asia, presented at the Regional seminar on New Directions for Regional Economic Cooperation in South Asia, organised by JNU, New Delhi, September, 1987.

have to wait for some time for this.

Thirdly, the two countries' trade orientations and policies have, until perhaps the very recent period, acted as a brake on bilateral trade and investment.

Pakistan has, in comparison to India, placed greater emphasis on -

- management of inflation, budget deficits, and balance of payments deficits;
- human resource development and employment generation through promotion of private sector;
- structural and social transformation through promotions of labour and resource mobility;

On the other hand, India has emphasised on:

- the growth of industry;
- technological modernisation and upgradation;
- development of upcoming high-tech areas;
   and
- supplementary rather than structurally
   integrated employment generation.

Waqif A. Arif, Potentials and Constraints in Pakistan\_India Economic Relations, Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad, September 1989.

With respect to export\_import policies of the two countries, there is a general tendency toward liberalisation, but with some significant differences:

- having started with a more open economy, Pakistan's import liberalisation has reached higher levels than in India, where it has come about in a more halting manner due to the more protected structure of its economy;
- Pakistan has permitted freer imports of capital and intermediate goods primarily to supplement domestic capacities, while India has encouraged freer imports of these goods to help promote price and quality competitiveness;
- Pakistan has sought to promote the development of value-added exportable surpluses, while India has more recently promoted import-based exports and industrial growth;
- Pakistan's export promotion efforts are aimed at some of the more traditional items compared to India's;

A cumulative effect of these constraints are clearly reflected in the list of commodities not permitted for exports from Pakistan to India, released from the Chamber of Commerce in

Table 4.1

Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers on India's Major Identified Exports to Pakistan

| s.No. | Product Description               |                                | istan            |        |  |  |
|-------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------|--|--|
|       |                                   | Rs/kg, or<br>Ad valorem<br>(%) | Sales Tax<br>(%) | NTB a* |  |  |
| 1.    | Other Fresh or Chilled Vegetables | 100                            | 10               | В      |  |  |
| 2•    | Refined Sugars and Other Products | Rs. 5/kg                       | Free             | P      |  |  |
| 3.    | Tea                               |                                |                  |        |  |  |
|       | Raw Leaves                        |                                |                  |        |  |  |
|       | Tibetan Tea                       |                                |                  |        |  |  |
|       | Other Tea not in Retail Packing   |                                |                  |        |  |  |
|       | in Retail Packing                 | 100                            | Free             |        |  |  |
|       | Other Tea                         | 35                             | Free             |        |  |  |
| 4.    | Pepper of the Genus Pimenta       | Rs. 12/kg                      | 20               |        |  |  |
|       | Others                            |                                |                  |        |  |  |
| 5.    | Spices                            |                                |                  | p**    |  |  |
|       | Van illa                          | 40                             | 20               |        |  |  |
| •     | Cinnamon                          | Rs.15/kg                       | 20               |        |  |  |

|      | Cloves                             | Rs. 60/kg  | 20    |     |
|------|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----|
|      | Nutmeg                             | Rs. 10/kg  | 20    |     |
|      | Mace                               | Rs • 20/kg | 20    |     |
|      | Cardamoms, Small                   | Rs. 100/kg | 20    |     |
|      | Cardamoms, Large                   | Rs. 20/kg  | 20    |     |
|      | Seeds of Coriander, Cumin, Caraway | <b>7</b> 0 | 20    | В   |
|      | Ginger Raw                         | Rs. $5/kg$ | Free  | P   |
|      | Ginger Dry                         | Rs. 10/kg  | Free  | ₽   |
|      | Other                              | 70         | 20    |     |
| 5.   | Oilcake                            | 40         | 10    |     |
| 7.   | Iron Ore and Concentrates          | 30         | Free  |     |
| 3•   | Varnishes                          | 120        | 10    | В • |
| •    | Medicaments                        | Free       | Free  | a   |
| 10 • | Perfumery and Cosmetic and Toilet  |            |       |     |
|      | Preparations                       | 85_160     | 10-20 | В   |
|      | Rose water and Kewade water        |            |       |     |
|      | Dentrifices                        |            |       |     |
|      | Incence sticks                     |            |       |     |

Table 4.1 Cont'd ...

|      | Hair cream, hair oil and other                                    |        |    |   |
|------|---|--------|----|---|
|      | Perfumes  |        |    |   |
|      | Other   |        |    |   |
| .1.  | Cotton yarn   | 85     | 10 |   |
| 12.  | Cotton fabrics woven unbleached                                   | 120    | 10 | В |
| 13.  | Cotton fabrics, woven, bleached                                   | 120    | 10 | В |
|      | mercerised  |        |    |   |
| 14.  | Structures and parts of iron and steel                            | 100    | 10 |   |
| 15.  | Parts of internal combustion piston                               | 40-120 | 10 |   |
| 16.  | Electrical insulating equipment                                   | 40-80  | 20 |   |
| 17 • | Batteries and electric accumulators                               | 70-100 | 10 |   |
| 18•  | Public service type passenger motor vehicle Minibus (12-35 seats) | 60     | 20 |   |
|      | Other   |        |    |   |
| 19.  | Parts and accesories of motor vehicles                            | 70     | 10 |   |
| 20 • | Invalid carriages, whether motorised or not                       | 40-100 | 10 |   |

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#### Table 4.1 Cont'd ...

Notes: Information with respect to Products under SITC 7499, 0350 and 6974 not available

- B Banned
- B: Most items banned
- P Private sector permitted to import from India
- Import of penicillin from specified sources only; unani only, ayurvedic and other oriental type and medicated wines are banned
- b Some items have to be imported from specified source only
- Import by only public sector agencies permitted excluding a list of 42 items
- \*\* Excluding chillies, turmeric and cumin seeds.

Source: Trade Expansion in South Asia Liberalisation and Mechanisms, Regional Study by I.N. Mukherji, editors, V. Kanesalingam and A.R. Kemal, Macmillan India Ltd., 1990, pp. 44-47.

| S.No. SITC |      | Product Description                       | India |              |             |             |            |  |
|------------|------|---|-------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--|
|            |      |   | NTBs  | Basic<br>(%) | Auxl<br>(%) | Add1<br>(%) | Total* (%) |  |
| 1          | 0360 | Fish Crustacean Mollusc Chilled or Frozen | В     | 60           | 40          | Nil         | 100        |  |
| 2          | 0422 | Rice Semi Milled or Wholly Milled         |       | N 11         | Nil         | Nil         | Nil        |  |
| 3          | 2631 | Cotton not Linters Carded/Combed          |       | 40           | 40          | N 11        | 80         |  |
| 4          | 6113 | Calf Leather                              | В     | 60           | 40          | 12          | 124        |  |
| 5          | 6114 | Leather of Other Bovine Cattle            | В     | 60           | 40          | 12          | 124        |  |
| 6          | 6115 | Sheep and Lamb Skin Leather               | В     | 60           | 40          | 12          | 124        |  |
| 7          | 6116 | Leather of Other Hides/Skins              | В     | 60           | 40          | 12          | 124        |  |
| 8          | 6513 | Cotton Yarn                               |       | 60           | 40          | ъ           |            |  |
| 9          | 6521 | Cotton Fabrics, Woven, Unbleached         |       | 100          | 40          | c           |            |  |
| 10         | 6522 | Cotton Fabrics, Woved, Bleached           | В     | 100          | 40          | c           | •          |  |
| 11         | 6582 | Tarpaulin, Sails, Tents                   | В     | 100          | 40          |             | 140        |  |
| 12         | 6584 | Bed/Tablelinen etc.                       |       | 100          | 40          | 12          | 168.8      |  |

Notes: \* Total duties on imports are calculated after accounting for basic, auxiliary and additional duties. It may be noted that the total duties will not be the sum of the three components. Additional duty is charged on both value of goods as well as the sum of the basic and auxiliary duties.

B Banned

#### Table 4.2 Cont'd ...

- b. Additional duty on yarn not containing synthetic staple fibre varies from 2.53 paise per count in the class of 25 counts or below to Rs. 1.31 per count onwards in the class of 35 counts and above. On yarn containing synthetic staple fibre, it is Rs. 11.38 per kg. However, where yarn contains more than 40% polyester staple fibre, the duty is Rs. 11.50 per kg.
- c. Additional duty on grey fabrics: Nil, on processed fabric it varies from 1% to 13.20% depending upon the count and value, on processed blended fabrics it varies from 2% 19-20% plus Rs. 5 per sq. m. depending on value and constitution.

Source: Trade Expansion in South Asia, Liberalization and Mechanisms, Regional Study by I.N. Mukherji, editors V. Kanesalingam and A.R. Kemal, Macmillan India Limited, 1990, pp. 159-60.

# Pakistan.9

Besides these constraints, Tables 4.1 and 4.2 gives the Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers on India's major Identified Exports to Pakistan and Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers on Pakistan's Major Exports to India, respectively.

Until February 1980, the private sector in Pakistan could not directly import from India. Now direct import from India is permitted in respect of a list of 42 items, some of which figure in the Table 4.1. Moreover, as many as 7 items in India's export list are banned to Pakistan. These high rates of tariff and non-tariff barriers acts as a heavy burden on the expansion of trade between India and Pakistan.

Several kinds of non-tariff barriers apply on imports in Pakistan. Some of the commodities are banned and cannot be imported at all. Certain consumer goods are subject to quantitative restrictions. In the case of some products, only the Trading Corporation of Pakistan (TCP) can import, and some of the commodities can be imported only from specified source (country). These commodities are either exchanged under barter system or come under loan/aid.

<sup>9</sup> See Annexure 'A'.

Until recently, goods from India could be imported only through TCP. Since February 1986, the private sector in Pakistan has been permitted to import some 42 items directly. In case of other products, a Pakistani importer interested in importing any permitted item from India directly negotiated with the exporter of that item in India, and if the deal is finalised, then import of the item is effected through TCP.

The TCP is also authorised to import certain products on commercial basis. It invited global tenders for these products, generally both C and F and FOB prices. Similarly, other public sector agencies invite tenders from registered suppliers all over the world to bid for the items to be imported. Table 4.2 gives an account of the trade restrictions that Pakistan has to face in case of export to India of the identified products. Except for raw cotton, the import of which is duty free, most of Pakistan's major exports are subject to tariffs exceeding 100%. These tariff and non-tariff barriers imposed by both India and Pakistan restrict the expansion of trade to some extent.

Despite these constraints that ails the trade relations between India and Pakistan, potential exists between both the nations which depend upon -

- (i) India's capacity to meet Pakistan's requirements, and
- (ii) Pakistan's capacity to meet India's requirements.

In other words, the potentialities of trade depend upon the degree of complementarity between the two countries on the one hand and their will to make use of that complementarity on the other.

Appendix 'B' gives the description of potential areas of bilateral economic cooperation. 10

Besides these items which are in the list of potential trading goods, another list of goods is finalised -

- (i) Items that India has shown interest in exporting to Pakistan.
- (ii) Items that Pakistan has shown interest in importing from India. 12
- (iii) Items that India has shown interest in importing from Pakistan. 13
  - (iv) Items that Pakistan has shown interest in exporting to India.

<sup>10</sup> See Annexure - B.

<sup>11</sup> See Annexure - C

<sup>12</sup> See Annexure - D

<sup>13</sup> See Annexure - B

<sup>14</sup> See Annexure - F

A list of common tradeable items is formulated that shows the potential between India and Pakistan. 15

Besides these goods where interest is shown, some potential exist in specific goods. Prominent among them are -

# (a) Iron and Steel

Indian imports of steel products have been more than 40 per cent of the total imports from Pakistan since the beginning of the eighties, whereas Pakistan's imports of iron and steel have always been over 30 per cent of its total imports from India since 1980. Pakistan being deficient in iron ore, would have to depend on imported iron ore for its steel mills at Karachi. India can supply iron ore from Goa port where large deposits of iron ore exists. Pakistan's imported iron-ore comes from Australia, Canada, Brazil, Liberia. India can take advantage of low freight costs and short delivery time. Nokundi mines can fulfil only 45 to 50 per cent of the requirement of Karachi steel mill alone. Thus Pakistan has to import iron ore. On the other hand, India has a low capacity in pig iron. Since India has decided not to set up large blast furnace mills, it will have to import

<sup>15</sup> See Annexures G and H.

pig iron from abroad. Pakistan can be a good source due to low transportation cost. In fact, from 1980-61 to 1983-84 India imported large quantities of pig iron from Pakistan constituting over 30% of India's total imports from that country. With regards to finished products of mild steel, India has exportable quality of bars, billets, large and small sections which India can export to Pakistan. Other products like ingots, blooms, slabs, coils, wire rods, hoops, strips, plates, sheets, pipes and rails are imported by both India and Pakistan in large quantities.

# (b) Tea and Coffee

Tea and coffee have been identified as two areas where India and Pakistan are in a position to cooperate to the mutual benefit of both. In fact, the meeting of the SAARC countries at Male has brought home the point to all member-nations that they should speed up their process of trade cooperation in their own national interest and some concrete results should be achieved before the next meeting.

As regards Indo-Pakistan cooperation in tea, within the SAARC region, Pakistan is a potential importer of tea every year but India's maximum share per year has been only 5000 tonnes. Pakistan's major sources of imports have been Kenya, China, Bangladesh, Indonesia and Sri Lanka. This is despite the fact that unit price realisation of Indian tea exported to Pakistan works out to be \$2.42 per kg as compared to Kenya \$3.25, Indonesia \$2.98, Sri Lanka \$2.90 and Bangladesh \$2.46.

Indian tea is much superior in quality compared to that of Kenya, Argentina and China and the procurement cost like transport would be much lower in case of Indo-Pak tea trade are put on an even level.

Pakistan's trade policy, 1987-90 had linked tea imports with counter trade of engineering goods. This made Indian exports of tea to Pakistan difficult as India already has a good domestic production base of engineering goods. But through a notification, the government of Pakistan has now placed tea on the freely importable list and prospects of tea imports from India have thus brightened.

#### (c) Cotton and Textile

Pak cooperation. Under the new trade policy, raw cotton can be directly exported by private traders in Pakistan. It should be now possible for the Indian importers to negotiate competitive prices. Another result of the changes in Pakistan's trade policy had been the permission for duty-free import

of cotton yarn. Yarn is one of the 42 items which Pakistan's private sector can directly import since January 1986. India therefore, has a scope to export this item in very large volumes. In 1984-85 and 1985-86 India imported 75,000 bales of short staple cotton for production of cotton fabric at Kandla Free Trade Zone for exports to the socialist bloc. With the reduction of demand from the socialist bloc, India in turn reduced its imports of cotton from Pakistan. But a systematic market planning should facilitate Indo-Pakistan joint venture for the use of cost-effective Pakistani cotton and grey to manufacture made ups for export to the socialistic bloc as well as to the European and North American markets.

If free trade were allowed, it should take place in both directions. And should the governments be interested in retaining control over these industries, the state trading corporations in each could organise fruitful swap deals. At the regional level, the initiative for joint coal washeries and scrapping centres should best be left to the profit motivated business enterprises in both the public and private sectors.

But the most vital pre-requisite for the establishment of economic cooperation in iron-ore

and coal is the need for the governments to ensure that this sector is free of red tape, that engangles most enterprises in the Third World. Without that assurance, economic cooperation in SAARC will remain what it is today: a noble but largely academic exercise. What is needed now is steel will.

### Chapter V

#### CONCLUSION

One of the main planks of India's foreign economic policy in the post-independence years has been fostering close economic relations with the co-developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America in the technical and economic field. The main objective of this policy have been to establish economic relationship with other developing countries, to reduce unhealthy dependence for trade on a few developed countries and to encourage cooperation in pursuit of solutions for common problems facing them.

attempted to strengthen its trade relations with the developing countries. With some countries, India already has close economic bonds while with certain others it would like to forge closer relations. It is in this context that bilateralism deserves careful considerations as a policy option.

In Chapter 1 of the present study, an analysis of the rationale of bilateral trade relations has been dealt with at the theoretical level. The study establishes that bilateral trade agreements among the developing countries have double benefits. On the one hand, they make it easier to secure specific commodities from specific countries according to the needs of

economic development and on the other hand, they have multiple objectives like increasing the volume of trade, removing balance of payment problems, improving the terms of trade, changing the composition of trade and thus maximising mutual advantages. This chapter has also examined the recent experiences and benefits of bilateralism to India with special reference to India's trade relations with socialist countries. In the light of these experiences an attempt has been made to explore the possibility of promoting trade between India and Pakistan on a bilateral basis.

Chapter II of the present study gives a historical background of India-Pakistan trade relations since the time of independence till 1990. This chapter analyses the various trade agreements that were signed between both the governments and goods traded. It highlights the years of 1966 to 1974 when there was absolutely no trade between India and Pakistan. Trade was only resumed between India and Pakistan after signing a trade agreement in January 1975. This chapter also takes into account the trade liberalisation and the gradual relaxation of discrimination by Pakistan. The new trade policy of Pakistan has also been discussed with the speculation that this can have a beneficial impact on Indo-Pakistan trade relations.

Chapter III of the present study examines the pattern of Indo-Pakistan trade with reference to its

magnitude, composition and structure. Balance of trade also has been taken into account. Commodity composition of top ten and twenty products has also been discussed. It has been found that Pakistan has only a marginal share in India's global imports and exports, vice versa, but the significance of Indo-Pakistan trade cannot be overlooked from both India and Pakistan's view point. A variety of factors causing major irritants between the two countries are responsible for the small volume of trade that exists between the two These irritants include problem of countries. smuggling across the borders, transport bottlenecks, absence of a sense of responsibility to discharge obligations with regard to the fulfilment of trade agreements from both the sides and some political issues like the dispute over Kashmir, financial and other assistance to militants in Punjab etc.

Chapter IV of the present study examines the constraints that restricts the Indo-Pakistan trade relations. The study establishes that the apprehensive factor, perceived by the commercial-industrial sector is a major constraint to the development of Pakistan-India economic relations. High tariff and non-tariff barriers, neglect of the development of coordinated if not integrated physical and institutional infrastructural linkages, differences in trade orientations and policies of both the nations and direct and indirect

resistance from interests groups are the constraints that are emphasised. Potential areas and commodities that have a scope between India and Pakistan trade are examined in the fields of agriculture and industry. List of common goods, in which both India and Pakistan has shown interest in trading has been drawn showing that potential exists between the two countries pertaining to these goods.

It is also seen that Pakistan has been gradually relaxing its discriminatory trade practices with India. List of goods to be traded freely has been expanded. For instance, in Pakistan the number of banned products has been reduced from 400 to 80. Similarly India's five year export import policy (1992-97) has produced a negative list of imports consisting mainly of consumer goods. The number of canalised items has been reduced to eight only. These liberalised policy changes can perhaps contribute to the expansion of bilateral trade between India and Pakistan as well.

Rationalising the tariff structure by reducing the number of tariff bonds has been undertaken both by India and Pakistan by 110% and 100% respectively, may lead to some more expansion of bilateral trade between India and Pakistan.

Furthermore, at the sixth summit of SAARC held in December 1991, the heads of state or government

further examined the Sri Lankan proposal to form a South Asian Preferential Trading Arrangement (SAPTA) by 1997.

This proposal of SAPTA seek to establish a formal and full-fledged preferential trading arrangement (PTA) within the institutional framework of SAARC in a phased out manner by progressive across the board reduction in all tariffs and non-tariffs barriers among the member countries. This too could lead to a further expansion of bilateral trade between India and Pakistan.

To give another fillip to India and Pakistan's bilateral trade it would be desirable if Pakistan moves in favour of MFN principle in dealing with India. This would lead to an increase in bilateral trade between India and Pakistan. Lastly specific potential area are discussed relating to iron and steel, tea and coffee, cotton and textile.

Finally, it should be remembered here that mere signing of trade and payments agreements or exchanging additional concessions to each other will not be adequate. What is needed is the consistent effort on the part of both the countries to help each other in promoting trade and economic development. There should not be a static type of complementarity between the two countries which generally may result in a kind of

economic exploitation of the weak by the leading partner, but the future transactions should be based on planned creation of trade generating complementaries. It is in this context that joint industrial ventures between the two countries need to be given a fresh look.

However, much will depend upon the political will and determination of the two countries in this regard.

If obstacles to cooperation are largely removed, it can be hoped that Indo-Pakistan trade will have a brighter future.

# Annexure - A

List of Commodities not permitted for Exports from Pakistan to India

| Description  |               | Exceptions  |
|--|---------------|---|
| Live animals   | ( i)          | Breeding buffaloes, cows, goats and camels, as may be specified subject to the provisions of para 1.5   |
| :  | ( <b>ii</b> ) | Such horses as are registered with Jockey Club of Pakistan  |
|  | ( iii)        | Fillies/mores, subject to the provisions of para 1.6 and 1.7  |
| ·  | (iv)          | Poultry, live or dressed, including day old chicks  |
|  | (V)           | Fish, shrinks, lobsters, crab and frogs   |
| Beef and Mutton  | ( i)          | Cooked and canned beef and meat   |
|  | ( ii)         | 50% of the total production of commercial freed lot units, livestock, farms and bilateral joint ventures  |
| Animal fat, Milk and Milk products   |               | Import formula foods, weaning foods and foods for invalids  |
| Vegetables all sorts<br>including dehydrated<br>vegetables and<br>potato seeds | <b>(</b> a)   | Dried methi leaves packed<br>in small airtight containers<br>or packets, onions, potatoes,<br>garlic, zira, large chillies,<br>asparogus, beans, artichockes,<br>cabry, broccoli and brussels<br>sprouts          |
|  | (b)           | Turmeric, tomatoes, lady fingers, carrots, radish, cauliflowers, pumokins, Karela, green chillies, tinda, tori, korripatta, chichindo, petha, carrionder leaves and spinach subject to the provisions of para 1.6 |

Grains, all sorts

Maize and barley (subject to quota)

Pepper
Pulses and Beans,
All sorts. Blood
meals, meat meals,
cokn gluton meals,
cokn gluton feed,
and sesme oil cakes

Bran and Fodder all sorts

Sann hemp and Arte-Misia seeds.

Edible oils, all sorts. including butter oil vegetable ghee and oil seeds

Gur Khandsari and Jaggery powder.

Intoxicants and intoxicating liquors as defined in the prohibition (Enforcement of Hadd) Order, 1979.

Hides and skins, all sorts

Wet blue leather made from cow hides and cow calf-hides.

Wild animal skins and garments made of such skins. Products of derivatives of such skin:

Finished or tanned leather made of wild animal skins and stuffed mounted or preserved specimens of wild animals. Oil, cakes, rice bron, wheat bron (subject to quota and special procedure)

Cactor seeds, poppy seeds, Kapod seeds, seesama seeds

Lamb skins (Grade I to V)

Charcol and Fire-wood.

Timber.

Empty wooden crates.
Assembled or unassembled.

Ferrous and non-Ferrious

- (i) Pig Iron
- (ii) scrap obtained from ship breaking

Arms and ammunitions and explosives and ingredients thereof

- (i) Knives
- (ii) sporting rifles, hand guns, and shot guns and accessories and ammunition thereof
- (iii) Saltpetre
  - (iv) Arms and ammunitions explosives and ingredient thereof recommended by defence production Division and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Fissionable material.

Maps and charts

- (i) Maps of scales smaller than 1/4 or 1/250000
- (ii) Educational and scientific charts
- (iii) Guide maps and relief maps

Unfinished and semifinished hockey sticks and blades.

Paper waste.

Human skeletons.

All imported goods in their original or unprocessed form

- (i) Parts obtained from ships breaking
- (ii) scrapped battery cells
- (iii) waste dental amalgam

- (iv) waste exposed X-ray films
  - (v) over 20 years old automative vehicles and aircrafts

Source: PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry,
News from the Indo-Pak Desk, June 1991,
New Delhi.

Annexure - B

Potential Areas of Bilateral Economic Cooperation

| A_Trade        | Potential Pakistani<br>Export to India   | Potential Indian Exports to Pak.   | Common Tradables   | Additional Modes of Cooperation   |
|----------------|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Agriculture | Staple foodgrains,<br>tobacco, raw<br>cotton, fruits<br>and nuts   | Jute, tea, spices, beatle leaves and beatle nuts   | Varieties of rice, cotton and selected plantation crops, fisheries                                     | R and D, technology, transfer, extension and training, exchange and visits of experts and producers, agricultural processing and marketing, reduction and elimination of specific tariff and non-tariff barriers. |
| 2. Industry    | Finer varieties of textiles and apporel, leather products and footwear, processed foods, pig iron, hard coke, fruit preparations | consumer electro- nics, office machi- nes, textile and other machineries, rail and road transport equip- ment and compo- nents, coal, industrial chemicals, selected iron and steel pro- ducts, plant components, commer- cial vehicles. | tools, foundry equipment, selected processed goods, hand_woven and handi_ crafts, Jewellery, other SSI | Technological and skill development, market development and sharing, distribution, planning and implementation, reduction and elimination of specific tariff and non-tariff barriers                              |

## List of Items Removed from the Restricted List

|       | ( a | ) Items Removed from th                        | e list of items importable by Public Sec  | tor Agencies only  |
|-------|-----|--|---|--|
| S.No. |     | Heading No.                                    | Description of items  |  |
| 1.    |     | 1005.0000                                      | Maize   | ,  |
| 2.    |     | 8524-2000                                      | Recorded magnetic tapes and video tapes purposes only   | for educational  |
|       | (b) | Items Removed from the                         | e list of Items Importable by Industrial  | Consumers  |
| s.No. |     | Heading No.                                    | Description of Items  | Presently imported by  |
| 3.    |     | 3923.2100<br>3923-2910                         | Sacks and bags (unwoven), of polyethylene and polypropylene   | Fertilizer industry  |
| 4.    |     | 4819.3010<br>4819.4010                         | Paper bags for packing of cement and carbon black   | Cement and carbon black industry   |
| 5.    |     | 6305_3100                                      | Sacks and bags (woven), of polyethylene and polypropylene   | Fertilizer industry  |
|       | (c) | Items Proposed to be re<br>Specific conditions | emoved from the list of Items Importable  | subject to   |
| s.No. | ٠   | Heading No.                                    | Description of items  |  |
| 6.    |     | 3403.0000                                      | Lubricating preparations (including cut bolt or nut release preparations, antiand mould release preparations based or of a kind used for the oil or grease to materials, furskins or other materials containing as basic constituents, 70% of petroleum oils obtained from bituminous | corrosion preparations lubricants) and preparations reatment of textiles but excluding preparations or more by weight of |

| 7.  | 6309.0000   | Second_hand knitted wear   |
|-----|---|--|
| •   | (d) Items Proposed to<br>Specified Sources                    | be removed from the list of Items Importable from  |
| 8.  | 0910-2000   | Saffron  |
| 9.  | 3003.1000<br>3004.1000  | Penicillin, finished and combinations thereof  |
| 10. | 7307.1110<br>7307.9110<br>7307.9210<br>7307.9310<br>7307.9910 | Chromium plated tube or pipe fittings, of iron or steel  |
| 11. | 8202.0000   | Hand saws; blades for saws of all kind (including slitting-slotting or toothless blades).  |
| 12. | 8203.1000<br>8203.2000<br>8203.2000<br>8203.4090              | Files, rasps, pliers (including) cutting pliers), pincers, tweezers, metal cutting shears, pipe cutters, bolt croppers and similar hand tools  |
| 13. | 8204.1000   | Hand operated spanners and wernches  |
| 14. | 8205.0000   | Hand tools (including glaziers' diamonds), not elsewhere specified or included; blow lamps; vices, clamps and the like, other than accessories for and parts of, machine tools, anvils; portable forges; hand or pedal operated grinding wheels with framework except the following: |
|     |   | (i) Sledge hammers below 2.72 kg (6 lbs)   |
|     |   | (ii) Other hammers above 2.268 kg (5 lbs)  |
|     |   | (iii) Shoe lasts   |
|     |   | (iv) Grease guns   |

| 15.  | 8307.0000   | Flexible tubing of base metal with or without fittings   |
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| 16.  | 8464-2000   | Grinding or polishing machines   |
| 17.  | 8465.0000   | Machine-tools (including machines for nailing, stapling, glueing or otherwise assembling) for working wood, cork, bone, hard rubber, hard plastics or similar hard materials |
| 18.  | 8466.9110   | Components and parts of machines (falling within subheading 8464-2000).  |
| 19.  | 8466.9110   | Components and parts of machines falling within sub-heading 8464.200   |
| 19.  | 8504.1000   | Ballasts for discharge lamps/tubes   |
| 20 • | 8536.1090<br>8536.2090<br>8536.3090<br>8536.4190<br>8536.4990<br>8536.5090<br>8536.6190<br>8536.6990<br>8536.9090 | Electrical accessories (non industrial)  |

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#### Annexure \_C

# Items That India Has Shown Interest in Exporting to Pakistan

- 1. Agricultural Products/HPS Ground Nuts, Kernels
- 2. Agricultural Machinery/Sprayers and Dueters used for Crop Protection/Seed Dryers/Post Harvest Agricultural Equipment
- 3. Aluminium Architectural Building Product
- 4. Articles of Base Metals
- 5. Artificial Limbs, Hearing aids and Parts
  Thereof
- 6. Air and Gas Compressors/Compressor Units for Refrigerators/Hermetic Compressors
- 7. Air Dryers/Compressed Air Dryers
- 8. Angles, Billets and Springs of Alloy Steel
- 9. Automotive Parts/Tyres and Tubes/Starter Motor, Alternator Wiper Motor
- 10. Alson MF
- 11. Aluminium Semis/Aluminium Alloy Milk Cans in Various Sizes I.E. 50, 40, 30 and 20 Litres Capacity
- 12. Adidas Grade/Quality Footballs in Indian Brands
- 13. Ancilliaries, Components Required for Harbour Crafts, Fishing Trawlers etc.
- 14. Ayurvedic and Patent Medicines
- 15. Asbestos Laminates and Compositer
- 16. Bag Closing Machines
- 17. Betal Leaves/Betal Nut and Bidi Leaves
- 18. Ball Point Pens, Refills and Fountain Pen Nibs
- 19. Ball Bearings (Permissible size only)/Bearing Accessories/Bearing Housings

- 20. Building Hardware Materials like One Piece and Two Piece Tower Belts and Hinges of all Sizes
- 21. Bicycles/Bicycle and Rickshaw Tyres and Tubes/Bicycle and Rickshaw Parts
- 22. Books Professional, Technical, Religious, etc.
- 23. Bearing Adaptor Sleeves, Grease Cups, Leather Punches/Steel Belt Lacings and Transmission Belt Fastners
- 24. Bleaching Powder/Stable Bleaching Powder.
- 25. Batching oil/Cutting Oil
- 26. Bucket Loaders
- 27. Catalysts
- 28. Cashew/Chewing Tobacco
- 29. Cosmetic Bases
- 30. Construction Machinery
- 31. Consultancy for Construction, Projects, Hotel Projects, Housing, Commercial Complexes, Industrial Structures
- 32. Cements/Cements Products
- 33. Cables and Conductors for Power Transmission/ Cable Pressurizers
- 34. Card Clothing for Cotton, Woollen, Worsted and Cotton Waste Cards, Raising Fillets and Sundries.
- 35. Cash Registers/Compressors for Cash Registers and Refrigerators
- 36. Cigrettee Making and Packing Machines/Cigarette Manufacturing Machinery
- 37. Cap Storage Covers for Agro Warehousing
- 38. China Clay, Talc, Caustic Soda and STPP
- 39. Chain Pulley Blocks and Electrical Hoists
- 40. Chromium Chemicals and Basic Sulphate, Sodium Bichromate, Potassium Bichromate, Basic Sulphate, Sodium Chromate, Chromic Acid, Chrome Oxide Green

- 41, Cycle Parts
- 42. Castor Oil/Oil Cakes
- 43. Crawler Excavators (Hydraulic Type)
- 44. Cooling Tower and Fined Tube Air Cooled Heat Exchanger
- 45. Card Clothing
- 46. Carbon Ribbon for Electric Typewriter/Duplicating Stencils
- 47. Duplicating Machines (Hand Operated and Electrically Operated)
- 48. Deodar Logs
- 49. Domestic Refrigerators
- 50. Dry Chillies and Agmark Pure Ghee
- 51. Densified Wood Laminates and Machined Components
- 52. Diesel Engines/ISI Diesel Engines of 6 HP, 8 HP,

  12/2 HP. (Double Cylinders and also 6" Stroke

12/2 HP, (Double Cylinders and also 6" Stroke Deepwell Tubes)/Lister and Petter Diesel Engine of 5 - 10 HP/Diesel Hydraulic and Diesel Electric Cranes from 5 Tons to 140 Tons capacity.

- 53. Domestic and Industrial Sewing Machines
- 54. Drugs Destropropoxyphene HCL and Dextropropoxyphene Napstyle of BP 80/USP XXI Quality
- 55. Dyestuffs/Dye Intermediates
- 56. Dyes
- 57. Dodecyl Benzene Bulphonic Acid
- 58. Dehumidifiers
- 59. Dryers/Conveying Systems for Plastic Resins
- 60. Dumpers
- 61. Equipment for Russian Aided Steel Plants
- Electric Motors/Electric Power Machine Parts/
  Electrical Switchgear and Equipment Including
  Metal Clad Switch Fuses/Combination Switch Fuses,
  HRC fuselinks and Miniature Circuit Breakers/
  Auto Electricals/Electric Rail Locomotive

- 63. Electronic Components/Electronic Items
- 64. Escalators
- 65. Essential Oils, Essence, Flavours, Spice Oils, Cleoresins, Natural Gums, Plant Extracts
- 66. Empty Glass Bottles and Vitals for Pharmaceutical and Food Industries
- 67. Engineering Items
- 68. Environmental Control Systems
- 59. Ethyl Accetate/Ethylene Oxide Condensates of Alcohols and Phenols
- 70. Ethanolamines
- 71. Fast Colour Salts
- 72. Ferro Silica Alloys/Low Carbon Ferro Malybdenum/
  Ferro Titanium, Ferro Boron, Ferro Vandium/
  Non-Ferrous and Alloy Steel Castings/Soft
  Ferrites
- 73. Footwear/Footwear Components i.e. Insole Board and Moulded counter etc.
- 74. Faster Colour Bases
- 75. Felts for Paper Mills/Textile Machines
- 76. Forgings for Automobile Industry
- 77. Fishing Trawlers/Harbour Crafts Alongwith Components, Accessories
- 78. Fire Engines
- 80. Figured and Wired Glass in Fint, Green, Amber and Blue
- 81. Fractional Horse Power Motors/Compressors
- 82. GLS Lamps/Electric Bulbs, High Pressure Mercury Vapour
- 83. Glycol Ether
- 84. Generators and Generating Sets
- 85. Galvanised Corrugated Sheets/Galvanised Sheets Plain/COI

- 86. Ginger
- 87. Glass Fibre (Reinforcement and Yarn)
- 88. Grey Cloth and Terry Towels Made of 100% Cotton
- 89. Graphite Electrodes/Welding Electrodes
- 90. Gum Resin, Synthetic Resins/Turpentine Oil
- 91. Glass Containers/Glass Forming Machines
- 92. Glass Fibre Reinforcements such as Chopped Strands, Chopped Strand Mat, Rowings, Woven Rowings Yarn and Their Products/Glass Fibre Laminates, Mouldings, Rings, Tubes, Tanks and Pipe Lines/Glass Vials/Bottles
- 93. High Tension Power Cables and Steel Wires
- 94. Hydraulic Jacks and Hardwares
- 95. Hydrcfluric Acid
- 96. Horse Shoe Nails and Bullock Shoe Nails
- 97. Hand  $T\infty$ ls
- 98. Hand Embroidered Shawls
- 99. Health Tonic
- 100 · Hajmola
- 101. HDPE Woven Bags on Circular Looms, 100% Water Proof Bag where the outside Fabric is Woven Plastic and Inside is Paper for Packing Cement
- 102. Hot Air/Water Generators
- 103. Heat Recovery Systems
- 104. Iron Ore
- 105. Insecticide Emulsifiers
- 106. Industrial Chemicals
- 107. Industrial Beltings Rubber/Hair/Cotton Mixed
- 108. Industrial Water Treatment Plants
- 109. Industrial Pumps and Valves
- 110. Interior Decoration

- 111. Jems and Jewellery
- 112. KWH Electricity Metres
- 113. Katha and Kutch
- 114. Knitting Machines
- 115. Liquid and Vapour Phase Thermic Fluid Heaters
- 116. Leather and Textiles Auxiliaries
- 117. Light Engineering Goods
- 118. Locks
- 119. Latex Rubber Sports Ball Bladders
- 120. Laboratory Glassware/Equipment/Micro Slides and Cover Slips/Specialised Laboratoryware
- 121. Mobile Cranes
- 122. Masala Powder
- 123. Musical Instruments
- 124. Malted Milkfood 'Maltova' and 'Viva'.
- 125. Minerals
- 126. Milk Quality Copra
- 127. Machine Tools/Machinery and Mechanical Appliances
- 128. Menthol Crystal
- 129. Machinery Plant for Manufacture of Drums
- 130. Motor Scooters/Starters (Motor Control Gears)/
  Motor Vehicle Parts
- 131. Machinery and Spare Parts for Glass Factory
- 132. Medicinal Herbs and Crude Drugs
- 133. Napthole
- 134. Nuts, Bolts in MM Sizes of 12 MM to 50 MM Thickness
- 135. Organic Surface Active Agents
- 136. Oxalic Acid and Diethyl Oxalate/Oxalic Acid (98.5%) for Chemical, Pharmaceutical, Drugs, Leather, Dyes Industry.

- 137. Oilfield Chemicals
- 138. Petro Chemicals
- 139. Pharmaceutical Intermediaries
- 140. Plasticware
- 141. Paper and Allied Items/MG and MGV Variety Writing, Printing and Kraft Paper, Paper Board and Isulex Board
- 142. Polythene Films for Agriculture and Irrigation
- 143. Portland Cement
- 144. Pumps/Valves
- 145. Public Address Systems, Amplifiers, Microphones, Loud Speakers, and Cassettees Recorders/Pre-Recorder Audio Cassettes
- 146. Processed Soya Foods, Nutri Nuggets etc.
- 147. Pan and Vegetable Seeds/Pan Masala
- 148. Packaging Material like corrugated Boxes and Poly Packs/Packaging Products
- 149. Plastic and Fabricated Products viz. CAP, Covers
- 150. Plant Growth Regulants
- 151. Plants for Manufacturing Soap and Detergent,
  Inks and Paints and Sheet Metal Drums
- 152. PEG 400 to 6000
- 153. Polyester Staple Fibre/Polyester Film
- 154. Polypropylene Sacks
- 155. Pharmaceutical and Pharmaceuticals Preparations
- 156. Power Cables, Conductors and Steel Wires
- 157. Refractories
- 158. Refractory Products
- 159. Reclaim Rubber
- 160. Rockwood Insulation and Coaltar Enamel Primer/ Anticorrosive Materials

- 161. Refiner Tackler for Paper Industry and Paper Making Machinery
- 162. Rigid Polyure thane Foam
- 163. Research Oriented Scientific Material Testing and Analytical Instruments
- 164. Rail Track Items/Stores Specially Fish Plates/Railways
- 165. Refrigeration and Air Cooling, Heat Exchangers
- 166. Record Players and Recorder
- 167. Razor Blade Machines
- 168. Sequestering and Chelating Agent
- 169. Safety Helmets of Fibre Glass/Plastic
- 170. sodium sulphate
- 171. Soda Ash, Sodium Mitrate Arsenic Trioxide, Solenium Metal Powder
- 172. Silver Jewellery
- 173. Steel Angles and Billets
- 174. Surgical Instruments/X\_Ray Films and Plates
- 175. Small Scale Plants for Laundry and Soap, Detergent Cakes and Bars, Printing Inks, Paints
- 176. Surface Active Agent
- 177. Sheet Metal Drums and Containers
- 178. Scientific and Laboratory Articles/Microscopes
- 179. Starch and Modified Starches
- 180. Steam Boilers
- 181. Spark Plugs
- 182. Silicons
- 183. Steel Castings in Rough Shape/Cold Rolled Steel Strips/Steel Wool and Steel Scrubber/Special Steel Structurals Tubes and Pipe Fittings of Steel/Heavy Sheet of Iron and Steel/Belt Lacings/Steel Plants

- 184. Spices/Pickles/Processed Foods
- 185. Synthetic Emery Grains and Powder
- 186. Sugarcane/Sugarcane Crushers
- 187. Semi Precious Stones and Synthetic Stones
- 188. Tea
- 189. Timber
- 190. Transmission Rubber Belts
- 191. Tractors/Tractor Tyres/Parts
- 192. Tyres/Tubes/Beltings/Flaps
- 193. Truck Mounted Drilling Rigs
- 194. Thermal Insulation Products
- 195. TLOZ
- 196. Table Top Offset Printing Machines
- 197. Textile Looms
- 198. Toilet Requisites/Shampoo Bases and Additives
- 199. Viterous China Sanitaryware of (Brace)
  Bathroom Fittings
- 200. Watch Cases and Parts Thereof/Watches and Clocks/Watch Parts/Button Cells
- 201. Water Cooling Towers/Water Pumps
- 202. Web Offset Press with Holders, Three Colour Satellite Units, Reel Changers and Reel Stands
- 203. Wood Seasoning Plants stands.
- 204. Wave Guide Dryers/Dehydrators
- 205. Welded Iron Pipes and Tubes
- 206. Kerographic Equipment and Spares
- 207. INC Sulphate/Zinc Oxide

#### Annexure - D

# Items That Pakistan Has Shown Interest in Importing from India

- 1. Abrasive Products
- 2. Acetylsalicylic Acid
- 2A. Acitic Acid
- 3. Amiline Oil
- 3A. Ammonium Chloride
- 3B. Ascorbic Acid
- 4. Agricultural Machinery and Equipment, Sprayers
- 5. Aluminium Waste and Scrap
- 5A. Ampicillin Trihydrate
- 6. Air and Gas Compressors/Cooling and Heating Systems
- 7. Air Conditioning Plants
- 8. Aluminium Powder and Paste
- 9. Artificial Jewellery
- 10. Artificial Leather
- 11. Asphalt Paving Grade
- 12. Automobile Spare Parts/Auto Parts
- 13. Aviation, Transmission and Telecom Equipment and Transmission Gear Parts
- 14. Ball and Tapper Roller Bearing, Rotary Cutter
- 15. Betal Nuts
- 16. Brass Hand Bags
- 17. Baling Press for Bagasse Presses against Cash Resources
- 18. Black Pepper
- 19. Bricks (Refractory)
- 20 Bamboo

- 21. Bemzidine DI HCL/H\_Acid
- 22. Barytes Ore in Lumps
- 23. Batteries/Raw Materials and Machinery for Dry Battery Cell Industry
- 24. Boric Acid
- 25. Belting and Belts
- 26. Bidi Leaves
- 27. Betal Leaves/Betal Nuts
- 28. Bicycle Parts
- 29. Black and Creem Tea
- 30. Books and Periodicals Professional, Social, Educational, Commercial, Industrial, Religious and Medical
- 31. Bleaching Powder
- 32. Brick and Tile Making Machinery
- 33. Building and Sanitary Brass Fittings
- 34. Cane Planters, Cutter Planter, Potato/Onion/Rice, Sprout Transplanters/Diggers,
- 35. Cables and Switchgear Carion Electrodes
- 36. Cement/Cement Plants/Mini Cement Plants
- 37. Chemicals/Pestisides/Textile Dyes
- 38. Citric Acid/Citric Acid Food Gride
- 39. Children's Garments
- 40. Chopped Strand Mat (CSM)
- 41. Cloth for Screen Printing
- 42. Coir Products
- 43. Components for Airconditioners, Refrigerators and Dee\_Freezers
- 44. Compost Machinery
- 45. Computers/Micro Computerised Eye Testing Machine and Equipment

- 46. Construction Machinery
- 47. Cooperation in Marketing Textiles, Textile Made ups, Garments and Knitwears in Different Countries
- 48. Cosmetics, Hair dye Colours and Haircare Products, Body Care Items, Massage Appliances
- 49. Crude Drugs and Medicines, Pharmaceuticals
- 50. Diesel Engines, Generators and Generating Sets
- 51. Dioscorea Deltoiden Roots, Calcium Liuteum Seeds in 2.00 Tonne Guantity
- 52. Dogsrikes
- 53. Docks and Ports Machinery
- 54. Drilling Rigs
- 55. Dyes
- 56. Earth Moving Machinery
- 57. Ebony Wood (Black Wood)
- 58. Electric Motors, Electrical Goods
- 59. Empty Gas Cylinders
- 60. Essential Oils
- 61. Engineering Goods/Fastners
- 62. Escalators
- 63. Ferro Alloys
- 64. Fibre and Yarn/Viscose/Synthetic Yarns/
  Viscose Rayon/Filament Yarn/Polyster/Blended
  Yarn/Bare Rubber Thread, Permissible Lace
  and Braid Machines/Cotton Yarn
- 65. Fire Engines
- 66. Fish Plates
- 67. Fishing Boats
- 68. Flour Mill Machinery
- 69. Food and other items, Pulses, Coconut Oil, Coffee, Sugar, Tinsel, Spices, Cardamom, Cloves, Mace, Nutmeg, Desicated Coconut, Coconut Ekels, Flower Broomsticks, Cinnomon/Barley and Seasom.

- 70. Generator Engines
- 71. Ginger
- 72. Glassware
- 73. Graphite Electrodes
- 74. Hand Tools/Cutting Tools/Hardware/Heating and Cooling Systems
- 75. Hardness Testing Machines
- 76. Home Appliances
- 77. Hospital Equipment/Disposable Syringes/X-Ray Films
- 78. Hot Rolled Steel Sheets (Coils)
- 79. Hydraulic Jacks
- 80. Iron Scrap
- 81. Immersion Type Thermo Couple
- 32. Industrial Chemicals/Machinery and Electric and Electronic components, Industrial Engines and Components Used in various fields; Brake Lining in Rolls and Gen sets used in various fields, clutch lining Gen Sets used in various fields.
- 83. Indigo Dyes 20% in Paste
- 84. Know-how Drawings or Machinery for Manufacturing Cloth Dying Dyes
- 85. Know-how and Machinery to Manufacture Japanese Style Motor Cycle Shock Absorbers.
- 86. KWH Electricity Meters
- 87. Kite Flying Thread of Good Quality
- 88. Laboratory Chemicals/Glassware/Equipment
- 89. Leather Goods
- 90. Light Engineering Goods
- 91. Medicinal Herbs and Roots
- 92. Medicine and Pharmaceuticals (Pharmaceutical Chemicals and Raw Materials)
- 93. Machinery for Making Paper Cups and Plates

- 94. Motor Cycle/Motor Car/Scooter
- 95. Magnesite Bricks, Tapper, Magnesite Bricks, Straight Chrome Magnesite Bricks, High Duty Silica Bricks, Ferro Silican Manganese
- 96. Methi Kasuri, Tomatoes Round, Peas
- 97. Minerals
- 98. Machinery/Plant for Manufacture of Drums
- 99. Machine Tools
- 100. Mulathi
- Multi Purpose Universal Type Reactor for the Manufacture of Synthetic Resins Both AIKYL and PVA and Textile Binder with Five Tons Capacity
- 102. Machines of Various kind of Watches and Spare Parts of Various Kinds used in Wrist Watches, Time Piece Watches, Wall Clocks
- 103. NRC Bearings
- 104. Oils
- 105. Optical Testing Equipment, Optical Lens Power Adding Machine, Lens Grinding Machine
- 106. Potato Diggers
- 107. Pathalic (Raw Material for Synthetic Resins)
- 108. Paper and Allied Items/Paper Board
- 109. Plumbigo Crucibles with Strands and Rings
- 110. Plywood
- 111. Plastic Granules
- 112. Porcelain Mortar and Pestyles
- 113. Postal Franking Machines
- 114. PVC Resin
- 115. PP Films and Injection Grades
- 116. Paints and Pigments
- 117. Packaging Material
- 118. Rubber/Rubber Scrap

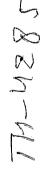
- 119. Rails/Railway Equipment
- 120. Railway and other Machinery Parts/Components and Accessories for Automobiles, Agriculture, Tractor, Marine Engine
- 121. Railway Spares, Fish Belt and Kut Fish Plates, Anchorage, Plater Shed Tyre, Wheel solid forged, Grovved Rubber Sale Pads Segmental Glass
- 122. Refractory Material for Furnace and Other Workshop Needs
- 123. Sanitary wares, All kinds
- 124. Stationery of all sorts
- 125. Scientific Instruments
- 126. Starters (Motor Control Gears)
- 127. Seamless Steel, Pipes and Tubes/Steel Strips/ Spare Parts for Steel Mills
- 128. Standby Generators
- 129. Spices
- 130. Split Airconditioning Units
- 131. Spark Plugs
- 132. Sodium Sulphate Anhydrous
- 133. Spinner Broadcaster
- 134. Synthetic Essential Oil
- 135. Tamarind
- 136. Tea
- 137. Testing Equipment for Textile Industry
- 138. Textile Spares, Accessories and Machinery
- 139. Technology for High Density Polythene Climax Pipe Expansion
- 140. Timber and Wood
- 141. Tapes and Webbings
- 142. Train Lighting System
- 143. Tyres and Tubes

- 144. Tractors/Tractor Parts
- 145. Typewriters
- 146. Turbines
- 147. Vegetable and Flower Seeds
- 148. Wollen Yarm, Worsted Yarm and Hosiery Yarm
- 149. Welding Rods and Electrodes
- 150. Wheel Tyres, Axles and Axle Boxes
- 151. Water Treatment and Filteration Plants
- 152. Water Pumps

#### Annexure - E

## Items That India Has Shown Interest in Importing from Pakistan

- 1. Acetate Filament Rayon
- 2. Almond in Shell
- 3. Apricots
- 4. Cotton
- 5. Cotton Textiles for Export
- 6. Crude and Botanical Herbs
- 7. Cumin Black
- 8. Cloves Extracted
- 9. Common Salt, Rock Salt
- 10. Coriander Powder
- 11. Crude Vegetable Materials
- 12. Dry Fruits
- 13. Dates, Wet
- 14. Dates, Dry Hard
- 15. Dense Soda Ash
- 16. Furnace Oil
- 17. Goat Skins
- 18. Gypsum
- 19. Heavy Melting Scrap
- 20. Leather
- 21. Medicinal Herbs
- 22. Mineral Substances
- 23. Mild Steel
- 24. Naphtha





- 25. Newsprint
- 26. ONYX and Other Edible Nuts
- 27. Pig Iron
- 28. Precious and Semi-precious Stones
  - 29. Pistachio Nuts
  - 30. Plums and Prunes
- 31. Petroleum Products
  - 32. Rock Salt
  - 33. Spices
  - 34. Stainless Steel Scrap

#### Appendix - F

### Items That Pakistan Has Shown Interest in Exporting to India

- 1. Agriculture Implements and Farm Machinery
- 2. Acrylic Tufted Blankets
- 3. All kinds of Textiles and Hosiery Items
- 4. All kinds of 100% cotton Cloth Grey/Bleached/ Printed and Dyed
- 5. Battery
- 6. Bicycles/Tyres and Tubes
- 7. Blended Fabrics in any Constructions and Width
- 8. Boilers and Pressure Vessels
- 9. Bone Meal/Bones
- 10. Ball Point Writing Pens
- 11. Battery Charges 6 Volts 12 Volts for Motor Cycle and Passenger Cars/Tractors
- 12. Biscuits and Confectionary
- 13. Barytex Powder
- 14. Bed Linon and Terry Towels etc.
- 15. Cotton (Short Stable)/Cotton Textiles/Cotton Duster/Cotton Readymade Garments
- 16. Cotton Yarm/Thread/Cotton Blankets/Cotton Sewing Thread/Cotton Cloth/Cotton Bags/Bed Sheets and Pillow Covers/Grey and Printed Cloth
- 17. Citrus Fruits (Kinoo)
- 18. Contrifugal Pumps
- 19. Conveyer
- 20. Cement
- 21. Construction Machinery
- 22. CU/NI Tubes
- 23. Cutlery

- 24. Canvas Clothes/Cotton Canvas Grey
- 25. Chemicals/Agro Chemicals
- 26. Carbon Black
- 27. Chloride Exide Batteries
- 28. Cotton Candlewick Tufted, Bedspreads, Pillow Covers
- 29. Crown Cork Cap; R.O.P.P. Caps and Other Types
- 30. Carpets/Hand Knitted Wollen Carpets
- 31. Ceramics Table and Sanitaryware
- 32. Caraway and Turmeric Powder
- 33. Crude Glycerine
- 34. Dry Fruits, Dry Dates/Fresh Dates/Date Palm/ Tree Saplings/Almond, Walnut, Pistachio, Figs, Appricot/Raisings/Sajji Khar
- 35. Dry Fish Prawn
- 36. Domestic Stoves, Ovens, Utensils and Other Household Equipment
- 37. Diesel Engines
- 38. Electric Arc Furnace
- 39. Electric Motors from 1/2 HP to 50 HP/Equipment
- 40. Electric Bulbs and Lamps/Fittings and Accessories
- 41. Elevators
- 42. Endless Canvas Rubber Belting
- 43. Electroplating Polishes
- 44. Empty Glass Bottles for Pharmaceuticals
- 45. Edible Oil and Liquor/Edible Oil Refineries/ Vegetable Ghee Plant
- 46. Fresh Fruits
- 47. Fish and Fish Preparations/Fish Meal
- 48. Fibre Glass Materials

- 49. Food Stuffs and Vegetables/Vegetable oil
- 50. Fabrics
- 51. Finished Products of Pumps and Cables of All Sorts/Range
- 52. Fertilizers
- 53. Fashion Garments
- 54. Fans Ceiling, Exhaust and Pedestal
- 55. Flanned Dusters
- 56. Filter Cloth
- 57. Furnace Oil
- 58. Guar & Guar Products
- 59. Garments
- 60. Grey Cloth, Made of 100% Cotton Bleached Cloth
- 61. Galvanished and M.S. Pipes and Fittings
- 62. Gypsum/Gypsum Plaster
- 63. G.I. Pipes of All Sizes
- 64. General Merchandise
- 65. Granite
- 66. Gas in Cylinders
- 67. Green Manure
- 68. Handicrafts/Hand Bags/Hand Made Cotton Bed Spread
- 69. Hacksawing Machines Concrete Mixers
- 70. Hosiery (Pure Wool, Acylic and Cotton Outwear)
- 71. Hardware Items
- 72. Hand Knitted Woollen Carpets
- 73. Insecticides, Pesticides and Fungacides
- 74. Inspection, Testing and Consultation Services on All Products that normally enter export\_import channels

- 75. Iron and Steel/IBS Products/Hot and Cold Rolled Sheets/Pig Iron
- 76. Industrial Workmens Garments and Gloves
- 77. ITS Products and Raw Materials for the Medicine
- 78. Jute Bags/WPP Bags
- 79. Knives
- 80. Kit Bags
- 81. Leather Products/Leather Shoes/Garments/Gloves
- 82. Lace Braid and Fabrics
- 83. Licorice Roots/Mulathi Gum Assafoetida/Hing White Poppy Seeds
- 84. Linen Madeups
- 85. Lime
- 86. Medicinal Herbes
- 87. Material Handling Equipment
- 88. Mangœs
- 89. Mica
- 90. Minerals/Processed and Micronized Minerals used in Manufacture of Paints
- 91. Non-Ferrous Scrap Shafting
- 92. Naptha
- 93. Nife Battery Plates.
- 94. Onions and Potatoes
- 95. ONYX and ONYX Products/ONYX Marbles
- 96. Pumps All sort and Range/Pipes/PVC Materials/ PVC (Plastic) Shoes
- 97. Paints and Varmish
- 98. Polyproplylene Bags/Woven Bags
- 99. Printed 100% Cotton Fabrics
- 100 · Googal

- 101. Pressure Cookers
- 102. Poultry and Eggs
- 103. Power Looms
- 104. Plastic and Rubber Toys
- 105. Polished Marble Stone
- 106. Rubber Canvas/Rubber Sheets and Products
- 107. Rock Salt/Sodium Chloride and Other Derivatives of Rock Salt
- 108. Raw Wool and Woollen Products
- 109. Raw Cotton
- 110 . Readymade Garments
- 111. Rope and All other Cotton Products
- 112. Rice (Basmati and other varieties)
- 113. Re-Rolling Mills
- 114. Reinforcing Steel Bars, M.S. Plain Bars, TOR Bars, Deformed Bars, Angles, Channels, Flat T Shapes etc.
- 115. Sports Goods/Sports Wear
- 116. Surgical Instruments and Scissors
- 117. Switch Boards/Switch Gear/ L T and H T Power Factor Improvement Units
- 118. Sulphuric Acid
- 119. Sugar
- 120. Spices/Chillies Whole Red Chillies (Dundicut)
  Red Chillies/Powdered Spices/Powder
- 121. Seeds Corriander, Cumin, Fennel, Dill Fenugreck
- 122. Stainless Steel
- 123. Steel Reinforced for General Use
- 124. Suitcases and Brief Cases/Suitcase Locks and Padlocks
- 125. Salt

- 126. Solvents
- 127. Stationery Items
- 128. Scoured and Unscoured Wools and Goathair
- 129. Sewing Thread
- 130. Saw Dust
- 131. Scrap Gun Metal, Aeroplane, Ship Breaking Industry and Cowdung Manner
- 132. Sand/Energy/Glass/Paper and Cloth
- 133. Silica Sand
- 134. Silk Products
- 135. Shopping Bags
- 136. Suzuki Spares
- 137. Textile Machinery of All Sorts/Textile Processing Machinery including Bleaching, Dyeing, Drying
- 138. Textile Made Ups/Fabrics/Bedsheets/Pillow Cases.
- 139. T. Shirts/Sweat Shirts
- 140. Transformers/Transformer Oil
- 141. Tarpaulings/Tents/Dyed Hater Procfed and Tarpaulins, Thick Cover
- 142. Terry Weave Products/Terry Towels
- 143. Toilet Soap for Hotels Complimentary, Bath Soaps/Other Toilet Items, Washing Soap/Soap Stone
- 144. Terpentine
- 145. Timber
- 146. Viscose
- 147. Woollen Yarm for Carpet and Bcfnylon Tufted Carpet
- 148. Workshop Machinery and Equipment all sorts
- 149. Working Gloves
- 150. Water Coolers

- 151. Woollen Silken Shawls and Scraps
- 152. Meat/Flour
- 153. Yarms.

# Annexure - G

Items that India has shown Interest in importing from Pakistan and Pakistan has shown interest in Exporting to India

- 1. Cotton
- 2. Cotton textile for export
- 3. Medicinal herbs
- 4. Mineral substances
- 5. Naphtha
- 6. Onxy and other edible nuts
- 7. Rock salt
- 8. Stainless steel scrap

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