

# AFGANISTAN

Afghanistan /æf'gænistæn/, officially the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, is a landlocked country located within South Asia and Central Asia. It is bordered by [Pakistan](#) in the south and east; [Iran](#) in the west; [Turkmenistan](#), [Uzbekistan](#), and [Tajikistan](#) in the north; and [China](#) in the far northeast.

MoU signed for developing Afghan Textiles industry: Afghanistan is endowed with rich quality of cotton, silk and cashmere and has significant potential for development of the textiles industry, which in turn may generate considerable employment opportunities. With this objective, a MoU was signed between India and Afghanistan on 7 January 2015, as per which India would provide the required assistance to develop Afghan textiles industry and assist in skill development, research and technical collaboration.

Kabul is the capital of Afghanistan as well as its largest city, located in the eastern section of the country.

The currency is Afghan afghani. The [Official languages](#) are Pashto, Dari.

## **India's exports to Afganistan**

Major Indian exports to Afghanistan are man-made filaments, apparels and clothing accessories, pharma products, cereals, dairy and poultry products.

## **India's imports from Afganistan**

Dry and fresh fruits

(source Indian Embassy/MEA)

## **Trade statistics**

India's bilateral trade with Afghanistan stood at \$684.47 million in 2014-15, an increase of 0.20 per cent over \$683.10 million a year earlier, and 20.41 per cent higher than \$568.44 million in 2010-11.

India's exports to Afghanistan in 2014-15 stood at \$ 422.56 million, while its imports from that country were worth \$261.91 million. (source Business Std)

## **Indian companies**

(1) BSC and C&C - New Parliament Project (2) KEC - Electrical Transmission Lines (3) Phoenix - Consultancy in Electrical Transmission (4) AIPL - Establishment of Hydro Power Project in Hilmand Province (5) WAPCOS - Salma Dam (6) ANGELIQUE International - Salma Dam and other Power project (7) APTECH - Computer & Management Education (8) GAMMON INDIA - Power Transmission Line & Power Sub-stations (9) KPTL - Power Transmission Line (10) ANAAR GROUP (AIR INDIA GSA)

## **Important sectors**

Carpet, textiles and clothing

Dry fruits & nuts cluster, food industry/processed food

## Main industries

Small scale production of textiles, soap, furniture, shoes, fertilizers, apparel, food products, non-alcoholic beverages, mineral water, cement, handwoven carpets, natural gas, coal, copper etc.

## Cluster

<a href="#">Afghanistan Carpet Cluster</a>	Asia	Afghanistan	Textiles and clothing
<a href="#">Afghanistan Dry Fruits &amp; Nuts Cluster</a>	Asia	Afghanistan	Food industry / Processed food