

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-55831

Title: ANALYSIS OF INDIA'S BILATERAL TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH NETHERLANDS

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality			✓	
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: Dr.P.Manochithra

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Manuscript Title

Analysis of India's Bilateral Trade Relationship with the Netherlands

Nature of the Study

Empirical study based on secondary data (Time-series analysis)

Period of Study

2005–2024

Overall Evaluation

The manuscript examines India's bilateral trade relationship with the Netherlands over a twenty-year period, focusing on export and import trends and estimating simple and compound annual growth rates. The topic is **timely, relevant, and policy-oriented**, especially in the context of India–EU trade relations and global supply-chain integration.

The study demonstrates **clarity in objectives, adequate data coverage, and logical presentation** of trade trends. However, the paper remains **largely descriptive**, with limited econometric depth and theoretical engagement. While suitable for **general international economics or trade journals**, the manuscript

International Journal of Advanced Research

Publisher's Name: Jana Publication and Research LLP

www.journalijar.com

REVIEWER'S REPORT

requires **moderate to major revisions** to meet the standards of high-quality indexed journals.

Section-wise Review Comments

Introduction

Strengths

- Clearly explains the importance of the Netherlands in India's European trade
- Effectively highlights Rotterdam's role as a gateway to EU markets
- Establishes relevance of the study

Limitations

- Lacks theoretical anchoring (e.g., trade theories, gravity model)
- Repetition of background information

Suggestions

- Briefly link the study to international trade theories
- Reduce descriptive repetition
- Clearly identify the **research gap**

Objectives of the Study

Strengths

- Objectives are clear and achievable
- Properly aligned with the study's scope

Suggestions

- Add one analytical objective, such as:
 - Examining trade balance dynamics
 - Assessing structural shifts in trade composition

Methodology

Strengths

- Clearly states use of secondary data
- Reliable international data sources used (UNCTAD, IMF, Trade Map)

International Journal of Advanced Research

Publisher's Name: Jana Publication and Research LLP

www.journalijar.com

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Limitations

- Methodology is **too basic**
- Growth rate formulas are not explicitly stated
- No justification for using only growth measures

Suggestions

- Present formulas for simple growth rate and CAGR
- Include at least one additional analytical tool (trend regression / index numbers)
- Clarify units of measurement consistently (million/billion USD)

India's Exports to the Netherlands

Strengths

- Detailed year-wise data presentation
- Clear identification of export composition
- Appropriate use of tables and figures

Limitations

- Heavy narration of numbers without interpretation
- Structural changes in exports are not analyzed

Suggestions

- Discuss reasons for sharp post-2021 export surge
- Link export growth with:
 - Energy markets
 - Re-routing of global trade
 - EU demand patterns

India's Imports from the Netherlands

Strengths

- Well-documented import trends
- Clear identification of technology-intensive imports
- Trade surplus aspect clearly highlighted

Limitations

International Journal of Advanced Research

Publisher's Name: Jana Publication and Research LLP

www.journalijar.com

REVIEWER'S REPORT

- Import trends not compared with exports analytically
- No discussion on dependency or strategic imports

Suggestions

- Compare import CAGR with export CAGR analytically
- Discuss implications of import structure for India's industrial policy

Analysis of Growth Rates

Strengths

- CAGR estimates provide long-term insight
- Findings are clearly stated

Limitations

- Growth results are not statistically validated
- No comparative benchmark with other EU partners

Suggestions

- Include comparative context (Germany / France / EU average)
- Interpret growth in policy and strategic terms

Conclusion

Strengths

- Summarizes the main findings effectively
- Clearly states the strategic importance of Netherlands

Limitations

- Lacks:
 - Policy implications
 - Trade strategy recommendations
 - Future research scope

Suggestions

- Add implications for:
 - Trade policymakers
 - Export promotion agencies

International Journal of Advanced Research

Publisher's Name: Jana Publication and Research LLP

www.journalijar.com

REVIEWER'S REPORT

- India-EU FTA negotiations
- Suggest future research using econometric models

Language, Style, and Presentation

- Language is **clear and readable**
- Minor grammatical and typographical errors observed
- Some numerical inconsistencies in units

Recommendation

- Professional proofreading advised
- Standardize monetary units throughout the paper

References

Strengths

- Relevant academic sources cited
- Inclusion of reputed journals and OECD reports

Limitations

- Limited number of references
- Recent post-2022 studies are minimal

Suggestions

- Expand literature review
- Include recent WTO / World Bank trade studies
- Ensure consistent citation formatting

Ethical and Academic Integrity

- No ethical issues detected
- Similarity risk is **low to moderate**
- Data sources are properly acknowledged

Final Recommendation to the Editor

Decision

◆ **Major Revision Required**

International Journal of Advanced Research

Publisher's Name: Jana Publication and Research LLP

www.journalijar.com

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Justification

- The paper is data-rich and relevant
- However, it requires:
 - Stronger analytical depth
 - Theoretical linkage
 - Enhanced policy interpretation