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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
(EPL-I Section)

Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce during May 2022

I. Trade Performance

- India has achieved monthly value of merchandise export in May 2022 amounting USD 37.29 billion, an increase of 15.46% over USD 32.30 billion in May 2021.
- Major commodity groups covering 76.33% of total exports and showing positive growth in May 2022 over corresponding month of previous year are Engineering goods (7.84%), Petroleum products (52.71%), Gems and Jewellery (4.52%), Organic and Inorganic Chemicals (12.08%), Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (5.78%), RMG of all textiles (22.94%), Electronic goods (41.46%), and Rice (6.27%).
- Value of non-petroleum exports in May 2022 was 29.18 USD billion, registering a positive growth of 8.13% over non-petroleum exports of USD 26.99 billion in May 2021.

II. Export Infrastructure and Promotion

- Development Commissioners of various SEZs during the month of May 2022 have approved the proposals of investments of Rs 1138.77 Crore which will also provide employment to approx. 13909 persons.
- PEPC organized Capacity Building Programme for Project Exporters on 27th May 2022 at New Delhi.
- Manufacturing and Other Operations in Warehouse Regulations (MOOWR) Council organized a knowledge based virtual Session on Manufacturing and Other Operations in Warehouse Regulations (MOOWR) on 25th May 2022 to create awareness amongst electronics hardware members about the facilities provided under the Scheme.

III. MPEDA

- MPEDA has enrolled 120 farms, formed 2 new cluster farm and organised 135 campaigns benefiting 1551 farmers.
- MPEDA issued 1834 DS 2031 certificates, 758 catch certificates for EU, 44 catch certificates for Non- EU, 31 ICCAT documents, 25 Non-Radio Activity certificates, 21 Duty free import certificate.

IV. Promotion of Plantation Sector

- Third International Tea Day was celebrated by Tea Board India on 21st May 2022. A lot of activities were organized throughout the length and breadth of the country to observe this day.
- Coffee Board has conducted 107 various extension activities viz., Demonstrations, Village Level Meetings, Vocational Trainings, Farmers Field Schools, Capacity Building Programme on different aspects of coffee cultivation benefiting about 2035 coffee growers in Traditional & NonTraditional coffee growing regions during the month.
- The Rubber Board has approved the laboratories functioning in the private sector for the testing of Dry Rubber Content (DRC) of the rubber latex and handed over the certificate of approval to the selected laboratories in a meeting held at Head Office, Kottayam. Accreditation of such laboratories will give more facilities to the rubber growers for DRC testing.
- For enhancing production productivity, quality upgradation etc. through farmer education and training programme, Rubber Board organized 481 batches of on farm training on various aspects for 5508 candidates during May 2022, under farmer education programme, 319 meetings were organized with participation of 5976 farmers
- Nine short term schemes for enhancing domestic NR production and quality improvement have been launched (Rain guarding/ Disease management/ Modernization of Group Processing Centres/ Tool kit to women tappers/Incentive to RPSs for group management/ Purchase of sprayer/Purchase of auger/Sponsored nurseries/Repayable grant to R B Companies for holding adoption). Rs. 24.20 crore was the total outlay. Rs.14.34 was paid as assistance.
- Spices Board has successfully on boarded into e-RCMC portal developed by DGFT as single window system for Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards with effect from 19th May 2022. Board has issued 96 CRES certificates through this portal during May-2022.

V. Export Credit, Insurance and MAI Assistance

- During May 2022, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) has supported exports of Rs 36,603 Crore, earned a premium of Rs 83 Crore, issued 767 policies, added 1124 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs 11 Crore.

VI. Bilateral Trade

- Outreach programmes were held in Surat, Chennai and Bengaluru for awareness on Ind-Aus ECTA amongst the stakeholders.
- A virtual meeting, co-chaired by ADGFT and High Commissioner of India in Wellington, New Zealand, was held on 11th May 2022, to discuss the export target fixed for New Zealand for the financial year 2022-23 as well issues related to meeting of Joint Trade Committee (JTC) between India and New Zealand that is scheduled to be held on 24th June 2022, after a gap of around 15 years.

- Hon'ble CIM participated in Ministerial meeting held on 23rd May 2022 to discuss next steps for Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEF) after the launch and India decided to join the same. The Ministers from the USA, Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Philippines, Korea, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the meeting.
- 2nd round of India-Canada CEPA negotiations started from 30th May 2022 and was hosted by India.
- The first session of India-Senegal Joint Trade Committee was held through virtual mode on 5th May 2022. Both sides reviewed the existing bilateral trade and investment and agreed to enhance the economic and commercial partnership between the two countries.
- Commerce Secretary wrote DO letters to Indian Ambassadors sharing commodity-wise export targets for 2022-23 for individual countries and seeking their support in achieving these targets.
- The 78th Annual Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) was held at UNCC, Bangkok, Thailand from 23rd to 27th May 2022. The theme topic for this session was 'A common agenda to advance sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific'. Hon'ble MoS led the Indian delegation and delivered the Country Statement during the Ministerial segment of the Session.
- A meeting was held on 11th May 2022 under the chairmanship of Sh. B.V.R. Subramanyam, Commerce Secretary with the H.E. Mr. Furkat Sidikov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan.
- 10th Session of India-Oman Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) was successfully held on 11th May 2022 in New Delhi under the co-chairmanship of HCIM and Minister of Commerce and Industry and Investment Promotion of Sultanate of Oman. During the meeting, both sides deliberated upon issues cutting across trade and investment. Oman has accepted the request of India to fast-track registration and marketing authorisation of Indian pharmaceuticals that are already registered with USFDA, UK-MHRA and the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

VII. DGFT

- Regional Authorities of DGFT have issued 17,690 Authorizations/Scrips under various FTP Schemes viz., Importers/Exporters Code (IEC), Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), Service Exports from India's (SEIS), Advance Authorizations and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during May 2022.
- DGFT, vide Notification No. 7/2015-20 dated 19.05.2022, amended the import policy condition of Fresh Ginger under HS code 09101110 by allowing import of wholly produced ginger from Bhutan freely subject to Article-I of Agreement on Trade, Commerce and Transit between India and Bhutan. Import of wholly produced ginger is already freely imported subject to Article IV and V of Indo Nepal Treaty of Trade.
- DGFT, vide Notification No. 11/2015-2020 dated 25.05.2022, amended the import policy of paper from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)' under Chapter 48 of Schedule —I (Import Policy).

VIII. GeM

- Total GeM Cumulative order value as on 31st May 2022 is INR 2,15,834 Cr. as compared to cumulative order value of INR 97,488 Cr. as on 31st May 2021. The order value during the month of May'22 is INR 10,847 Cr. as compared to INR 4,883 Cr. during the month of May'21.
- GeM has signed following two Memoranda of Understanding in May 22: -
 - i. Government e Marketplace (GeM), CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd. (CSC-SPV), and Department of Posts, signed a MoU for the advocacy, outreach, mobilization and capacity-building of last-mile Govt buyers, sellers and service providers in public procurement. Till now total no of 1459 India Post sellers have been onboarded on GeM portal.
 - ii. MoU signed with SeWA for the outreach, mobilization and capacity-building of last-mile women-led micro and small enterprises, women entrepreneurs, SHGs, Associations as sellers and service providers in public procurement. Presently, 7.79 lakh+ micro and small enterprises are registered as sellers and service providers on GeM of which 1.39 lakh+ are women MSEs and 38K+ are SC/ ST MSEs
