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Ministry of Commerce & Industry
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Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce during June 2022

I. Trade Performance

- India has achieved a monthly value of USD 37.94 billion merchandise export in June 2022, an increase of 16.78% over USD 32.49 billion in June 2021.
- Major commodity groups covering 47.58% of total exports and showing positive growth in June 2022 over corresponding month of previous year are Petroleum products (98.01%), Gems and Jewellery (19.41%), Organic and Inorganic Chemicals (5.01%), Electronic goods (50.66%), RMG of all textiles (44.67%) and Rice (39.31).
- Value of non-petroleum exports in June 2022 was 30.12 USD billion, registering a positive growth of 5.53% over non-petroleum exports of USD 28.54 billion in June 2021.

II. Export Infrastructure and Promotion

- Development Commissioners of various SEZs during the month of June 2022 have approved the proposals of investments of Rs 1960.7 Crore which will also provide employment to approx. 31239 persons.
- 'Upgradation of Marine Export Unit of Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation at Kulai, Dakshin Kannada District, Karnataka' project by Karnataka Fisheries Development Corporation, Government of Karnataka was approved under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) with total cost of Rs. 25 Crore and TIES share of 10.92 cr.
- PLEXCONCIL organized PLEXCONNECT Webinar on New Policy/Guidelines on Plastic Waste Management, Extended Producer Responsibilities (EPR) and alternative to SINGLE USE PLASTIC (SUP) on 28th June 2022.
- Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) held an online session on "factoring services to provide collateral free financing" on 3rd June 2022.
- Zero duty on 65 Tariff Lines announced by Peru and 165 Tariff Lines announced by Columbia has been shared with EPCs and other stake holders to tap the opportunity.

III. MPEDA

- MPEDA enrolled 125 farms, formed 3 new cluster farm and organised 185 campaigns benefiting 2001 farmers during June 2022.

- It issued 1847 DS 2031 certificates, 775 catch certificates for EU, 37 catch certificates for Non- EU, 33 ICCAT documents, 3 Non-Radio Activity certificates, 15 Duty free import certificate, 1 RCMC(Ordinary) and 1 RCMC(Temporary).
- Organized Consultative workshop on “Way Forward for Enhancement of Seafood Exports from India” jointly with CAA and supported by NFDB at Chennai.

IV. Promotion of Plantation Sector

- On occasion of International Tea Day 2022, a special plucking of quality tea leaves was organized by Tea Board, which was finally auctioned on 20th June 2022 and all the auction centres participated in this. Total 23,699.10 kg. tea has been sold with average price of Rs.342.81 per kg. in this special session of auction. The highest price fetched in this special session is Rs.99,999.00 per kg.
- A webinar on field mechanization was organised with small tea growers, SHG and FPO in North East.
- Atal Incubation Center- Central Coffee Research Institute– Center for Entrepreneurship Development (AIC-CCRI-CED) of Coffee Board conducted one day event under the theme ‘Coffee Time - Exporters of coffee lifestyle products’ on 3rd June 2022 and also conducted ‘Vikrayam’ online training programme from 20th to 30th June 2022.
- Coffee Board organized separate Virtual Business Network Meets on ‘Coffees of Indian’ in collaboration with Embassy of Bahrain and the Embassy of India, Beijing, China and China Coffee Association.
- The Rubber Board launched the Beta version of ‘mRube’, an electronic market platform for Natural Rubber (NR) on 8th June. The new electronic trading platform is proposed to complement the existing trade system of NR with more market visibility and to strengthen the efficacy of domestic supply chain of NR.
- Fertility map of rubber growing regions of India were released on 20th June 2022 and books on “Fertility Status of Rubber Growing Soils of India” and “A decade of Rubber Research in India: A bibliography” were released. Rubber Research Institute of India under the Rubber Board undertook a significant study to document the fertility status of rubber growing regions of India. 386 maps were generated for the rubber-growing regions in the different States of India.
- Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Assam inaugurated the ‘International Buyer Seller Meet and Spices Conclave’ held at Guwhati, Assam on 30th June and 1st July 2022. The program aimed at promoting the indigenous spices of the eight North Eastern States, especially the GI tagged varieties of Sikkim Large Cardamom, Assam Karbi Anglong Ginger, Naga Mircha, Bird’s Eye Chilli (Mizo Chilli), Hathei Chilly and Dalle Khursani. The event helped to bring in more buyers to the North Eastern States of India for the indigenous, high-quality spices and to create direct trade links with both national and international buyers.
- Spices Board, under its initiative Flavourit Spices Trading Limited (FSTL) signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) on 9th June 2022 with Flipkart to enhance market access and help promote farmers and grassroot organizations working in the spices sector.

V. Export Credit, Insurance and MAI Assistance

- During June 2022, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) has supported exports of Rs 30,141 Crore, earned a premium of Rs 102 Crore, issued 1073 policies, added 1318 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs 88 Crore.

VI. Bilateral Trade and WTO

- Hon'ble Minister for Commerce and Industry with his EU counterpart HE Mr. Valdis Dombrovskis, EC's EVP formally launched Negotiation for India-EU Free Trade Agreement, Investment Protection Agreement & Geographical Indication Agreement on 17th June 2022 in Brussels. The 1st Round of Negotiations for FTA was held from 27th June to 1st July 2022 in hybrid format (virtual/in person) in New Delhi. In this Round, Negotiations on 18 Policy Areas/Chapter of FTA were conducted in 52 Technical Sessions.
- The fourth round of India-UK FTA negotiations was held during 13th to 24th June 2022. So far, 10 policy areas [Trade and Gender, Trade and Development, SMEs, Innovation, SPS, GRP, Transparency, Anti-Corruption, Competition, CPTF] have been substantially closed for negotiations.
- The 20th Session of India-Finland Joint Commission (JC) was held from 2nd-3rd June 2022. Both sides agreed for the Action Plan for 2022-23 in the field of Digitalization, Education, Development of 5G & 6G, Energy, Start-ups etc.
- The 2nd meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Trade, Economic and Cooperation was held on 22nd June 2022 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- A meeting between HCIM and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh was held on 19th June to discuss the issues regarding export of wheat to Bangladesh, anti-dumping duties on jute, clear float glass and hydrogen peroxide and border trade check posts.
- India-New Zealand Joint Trade Committee (JTC) meeting was held on 24th June 2022 to review and take measures in furtherance of bilateral trade Partnership and Cooperation in areas such as Agriculture, Pharmaceuticals, Textiles, Renewable Energy and Services. Both sides discussed issues of market access & co-operation in these sectors and decided to resolve them in timely & effective manner.
- A partial agreement has been reached on the fisheries subsidies negotiations at the MC12. The Members have reached an agreement on two pillars viz. Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU) and Overfished stocks. The third pillar, Overfishing and Overcapacity will be negotiated later. As per the decision arrived at MC12, for a period of 2 years from the date of entry into force of the Fisheries Agreement, subsidies granted or maintained by developing country Members, including least-developed country (LDC) Members, up to and within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ), in respect of the IUU & Overfished stocks pillars, shall be exempt from actions based on relevant Articles of the Agreement. If comprehensive disciplines are not adopted within four years of the entry into force of this Agreement, and unless otherwise decided by the General Council of WTO, this Agreement shall stand immediately terminated (Article -12).

VII. DGFT

- Regional Authorities of DGFT have issued 16,668 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 June 2022.
- DGFT, vide Notification No. 13/2015-20 dated 09.06.2022, notified amendments in Chapter 5 of the Handbook of Procedures 2015-20, related to Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme to reduce 'Compliance Burden' and enhance 'Ease of doing Business'.

VIII. GeM

- Total GeM Cumulative order value as on 29th June, 2022 is INR 2,26,829 Crore as compared to cumulative order value of INR 1,03,791 Crore as on June 2021. The order value during the month of June 2022 is INR 10,895 Crore as compared to INR 6,299 Crore during the month of June 2021.
- GeM platform was, so far, enabled for procurement by government buyers i.e. Central & State ministries, departments, public sector enterprises, autonomous institutions, local bodies, etc. The Union Cabinet has now decided to register Cooperative Societies also as Buyers on GeM. This would help Cooperative Societies in getting competitive prices through the open and transparent process of GeM. It has signed an MoU with Common Services Centre (CSC) SPV and India Post for advocacy, outreach, mobilization, and capacity-building of last-mile Cooperative buyers.
- GeM has successfully integrated with eGS (e-Gram Swaraj) where all the Panchayati Raj Buyers at different levels, like Zila Panchayat, Block, and Gram Panchayat will be able to register successfully on GeM using their existing user ID of eGS system. The pilot has been successful and the same is being rolled out to cover all States by August, 2022.
