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Government of India
Ministry of Commerce & Industry
Department of Commerce
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Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce for the month of January 2025

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-January 2024-25 is estimated at US\$ 682.59 Billion, as compared to US\$ 636.69 Billion in April-January 2023-24, an estimated growth of 7.21%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-January 2024-25 was US\$ 358.91 Billion, as compared to US\$ 353.97 Billion during April-January 2023-24, registering a positive growth of 1.39%.
- Non-Petroleum exports in January 2025 valued at US\$ 32.86 Billion registered an increase of 14.47% as compared to US\$ 28.71 Billion in January 2024.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April-January 2024-25 valued at US\$ 305.84 Billion registered an increase of 7.90% as compared to US\$ 283.45 Billion in April-January 2023-24.
- Non-petroleum & Non-Gems & Jewellery exports registered an increase of 14.33% from US\$ 26.12 Billion in January 2024 to US\$ 29.87 Billion in January 2025.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in January 2025 include Electronic Goods, Engineering Goods, Drugs & Pharmaceuticals, Rice and Gems & Jewellery.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 78.97 % from US\$ 2.29 Billion in January 2024 to US\$ 4.11 Billion in January 2025.
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 7.44 % from US\$ 8.77 Billion in January 2024 to US\$ 9.42 Billion in January 2025.
- Drugs & Pharmaceuticals exports increased by 21.46 % from US\$ 2.13 Billion in January 2024 to US\$ 2.59 Billion in January 2025.
- Rice exports increased by 44.61 % from US\$ 0.95 Billion in January 2024 to US\$ 1.37 Billion in January 2025.
- Gems & Jewellery exports increased by 15.95 % from US\$ 2.59 Billion in January 2024 to US\$ 3 Billion in January 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- The Minister of State (MoS) for Commerce & Industry met with Minister for Trade and Investment of South Australia to discuss areas of bilateral trade and investment cooperation at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 29th January, 2025. The discussions focused on critical minerals, green iron for green steel, potential for Australian

institutions and university for skill development in India and other trade opportunities between India and South Australia.

- The Inter-Governmental Committee (IGC) Meeting (Commerce Secretary Level) between India and Nepal was held on 10th-11th January, 2025 in Kathmandu, Nepal. Commerce Secretary led the Indian delegation which included senior officials from various Ministries and the Embassy of India in Kathmandu. The IGC carried out a comprehensive review of the whole gamut of bilateral trade and economic relationship. Both sides reviewed mutual market access issues, IPR and duty related issues. The agenda included discussions on review of the Treaty of Transit and the Treaty of Trade, proposed amendments to existing agreements, the harmonization of standards and the synchronized development of trade infrastructure. The meeting welcomed bilateral initiatives aimed at reinforcing the seamless cross-border connectivity between India and Nepal including through Construction of new Integrated Check Posts and railway links.
- A meeting between Commerce Secretary and Australian High Commissioner was held on 14th January, 2025 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, to discuss the Ind-Aus CECA stocktake and next steps. India stressed the importance of services for India, particularly the mobility of nurses and professionals. India raised concerns about regulatory barriers affecting exports like shrimp and whisky, seeking reciprocal access for Indian whisky. Australia agreed to consider concerns of India subject to overall balanced outcome under Ind Aus CECA on goods, services and other areas.
- The 2nd edition of the Joint Business Forum (JBF) was organized by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) on 11th January, 2025, on the sidelines of IGC. The JBF gave an opportunity for businesses on both sides to highlight their suggestions to improve ease of doing business in the context of bilateral trade and investment.
- As part of the Retreat of officers of the Commercial Wings of Indian Missions in 20 countries of significance, held from 6th-8th January, 2025, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of Additional Secretary level, Department of Commerce on 6th January, 2024 in New Delhi to discuss the strategic recommendations on tapping export potential for the 20 focus countries including South Africa.
- A meeting under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary level, Department of Commerce was held on 9th January, 2025 to discuss potential MOUs between National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) and PAN African Payment and Settlement System (PAPSS) to facilitate bilateral trade and settlement, direct investment etc. with various African countries which are part of PAPSS.

III. Export Infrastructure

- During the month of January, 2025, following amounts were sanctioned/released under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 1.62 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to TIDEL Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Pillayarpatti Village, District Thanjavur Tamil Nadu' was sanctioned and released.

- ii. Rs. 1.5425 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to TIDEL Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Thiruchitrambalam, District Villupuram' was sanctioned and released.
- iii. Rs. 1.5425 Crore (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to TIDEL Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Meelavitan-II Village, Thoothukudi Taluk' was sanctioned and released.
- iv. Rs. 1.3775 Crore (1st tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project 'Establishment of Plug And Play Infrastructure in Nandur-Kisartagi Industrial Area, Phase II, Nandur Kesartagi Village in Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) District, Karnataka' was sanctioned and released.
- v. Rs. 1.085 Crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project 'Establishment of plug-and-play in Plot No. AM-02, Apparel Park Industrial Area, Mini Textile Park, Doddaballapur Industrial Area, Bengaluru Rural District' was sanctioned and released.
- vi. Rs. 58.50 lakh (2nd installment of TIES grant) to Madhya Pradesh State Agriculture Marketing Board (MPSAMB) for the project 'Establishment of post harvest, management, storage and market facility for pomegranate at Khargone, Madhya Pradesh' was sanctioned.

IV. Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

- During the month of January 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 2,285.63 Crore that is expected to provide employment to 17,598 persons.

V. Export Promotion

- Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 in Bharat Mandapam on 17th January 2025. The second edition of Bharat Mobility Global Expo, 2025 was organized from 17th-22nd January, 2025 on a much larger scale across three venues in Delhi NCR viz, Bharat Mandapam (ITPO), Delhi; Yashobhoomi (India International Convention and Expo Centre), Dwarka, Delhi; and India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida. The Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 is an industry led event and supported by Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Ministry of Heavy Industries. The Expo was coordinated by Engineering Export Promotion Council India (EEPC India) with the joint support of various industry bodies and partner organizations—SIAM, ACMA, IESA, ATMA, ISA, NASSCOM, ICEMA, AICMA, MRAI, ITPO, Invest India, IBEF, CII, Yashobhoomi and IEML. The Expo underscored India's commitment to reshaping global mobility with a focus on innovation, sustainability, and inclusivity. The Expo saw a gathering of industry experts, policymakers, government officials, business leaders, and innovators deliberating how mobility can catalyze growth, bridge disparities, and protect our environment. The Expo was spread over 200,000 sq. metres of Exhibit Area. As part of the event 09 concurrent Shows, and 24 Conferences/Seminars were held across the three venues. More than 9.8 lakh visitors

witnessed the Expo across the three venues during the Expo. Germany, UK, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan had their Pavilions and further, individual country exhibitors from Ireland, Spain, Thailand and USA also participated in the Expo. A total of 1,500 exhibitors participated and 239 launches, including vehicle launches, auto components, construction equipment and more took place during the Expo. The Expo showcased technologies and products of Indian companies that are setting a global benchmark in mobility solutions.

- On 30th January, 2025, the Commerce and Industry Minister (CIM) alongside Minister of State (MoS) for Commerce and Industry, co-chaired a productive hybrid meeting with Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and industry associations at Vanijya Bhawan. Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) participated in the event, alongside various industry leaders, contributing to the discussions on export growth and competitiveness. The discussions centred around strategies to accelerate India's export growth, enhance global competitiveness, and improve the ease of trade.
- Bharat Construction Equipment Expo (Bharat CE Expo) 2025 was organised by ICEMA in partnership with Ministry of Heavy Industries and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) was held from 19th-22nd January, 2025 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida. Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC) was Associated Partner of the Bharat Construction Equipment Expo (Bharat CE Expo) 2025.
- Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC) circulated information about 33 upcoming projects in infrastructure, water, power, consultancy to its members in January 2025.
- Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) conducted a successful webinar titled "Enhancing Export Potential through Innovation in Processing & Value Addition from Groundnut & Sesame" on 22nd January, 2025. Over 60 exporters participated in the session. MD and CEO of Foodees Group of Consultants, led the event, highlighted innovative processing techniques and value addition strategies to help exporters unlock new global markets and enhance product quality. The webinar provided key insights into cutting-edge processing methods and how they can drive growth in the global Groundnut and Sesame export sectors.

VI. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

- The Eighth Edition of the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) was formally launched on 9th January, 2025, at the Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, National Agricultural Science Centre (NASC) Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. The event was joined and graced by distinguished dignitaries, including Union Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of State for the Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Minister of State for Cooperation; Minister of State for Cooperation; Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation; and other senior government officials. During the event, four portals National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP); Organic Promotion Portal; TraceNet 2.0; and AgriXchange Portal were unveiled.

- APEDA cohosted a two-day India International Rice Summit-2025 at Raipur, Chhattisgarh, organized from 10th-11th January 2025, through The Rice Exporters Association CG (TREACG) and the Chhattisgarh Rice Millers Export Association. The event was graced virtually by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry. The event was also joined and graced by Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh; Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Chhattisgarh; Chief Secretary, Chhattisgarh; Secretary, Commerce and Industries, Govt. of Chhattisgarh; Director of Industries, Chhattisgarh; Chairman, APEDA; President, TREACG and other senior government officials.

VII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During January 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 119.98 Crore, issued 1114 policies, added 1565 new buyers, and settled claims worth Rs. 25.37 Crore.

VIII. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 20,313 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,421 under Advance Authorizations, 15 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 16,163 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,714 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during January 2025.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of January 2025: -
 - i. Amendment in Import Policy covered under CTH 890690 of Chapter 89 of ITC(HC) 2022, Schedule I (Import Policy) was notified vide Notification No. 55/2024-25 dated 29th January, 2025.
 - ii. Amendment in Import Policy condition of Glufosinate Technical covered under HS Code 38089390 of Chapter 38 of Schedule I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022 notified vide Notification No. 54/2024-25 dated 24th January, 2025
 - iii. Introduction of new Scheme as ‘Diamond Imprest Authorisation’ under Chapter 4 of Foreign Trade Policy 2023 was notified vide Notification No. 53/2024-25 dated 21st January, 2025
 - iv. Amendment in Export Policy condition of Agarwood (Aquilaria Malaccensis) Chips and Powder and Agar Oil obtained from artificially propagated sources was notified vide Notification No. 52/2024-25 dated 20th January, 2025.
 - v. Extension in “Free” Import Policy of Tur/ Pigeon Peas (Cajanus Caja) [ITS(HS) 07136060] under ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule- I (Import Policy) till 31.03.2026 was notified vide Notification No. 51/2024-25 dated 20th January, 2025.
 - vi. Notification of Schedule-II (Export Policy) of ITC (HS) 2022, in sync with Finance Act 2024 dated 16.08.2024 was notified vide Notification No. 50/2024-25 dated 13th January, 2025.
 - vii. Export of Wheat to Nepal through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) was notified vide Notification No. 48/2024-25 dated 4th January, 2025.
 - viii. Amendment in Import Policy and Import Policy Condition of Synthetic Knitted Fabrics covered under Chapter 60 of the ITC (HS), 2022 was notified vide Notification No. 49 dated 4th January, 2025.

- ix. Amendment in Foreign Trade Policy 2023 to include Para 1.07A and 1.07B for consultation with stakeholders to seek views, suggestions, comments or feedback from relevant stakeholders, including importers/ exporters/ industry experts concerning the formulation or amendment of the Foreign Trade Policy was notified vide Notification No. 47/2024-25 dated 2nd January, 2025.

IX. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- DGTR has issued Initiation(s) notification on the following cases during the month January 2025:
 - i. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) Paste Resin” originating in or exported from European Union and Japan.

X. Government eMarketplace (GeM)

- During January 2025, 196 training sessions and 32 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers’ organizations. 8,792 buyers and sellers participated in these events.
- GeM participated in the 3rd edition of Destination Goa 2025, held from 23rd-25th January, 2025 at the Panjim Convention Centre, Mala, Panjim, Goa. The mega exhibit was organised by the office of Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha).
- The total procurement from Central Organisations for January 2025 is Rs. 61,208 Crore vs Rs. 24,524 Crore in January 2024
- 27 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 Crore, Eastern Coalfields Limited has awarded a bid for “Mine Development & Operations Service – Revenue Sharing Basis” for Rs. 22,841 Crore in January 2025.
