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

Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce for the month of April 2025

I. Trade Performance

- Total Exports (merchandise & services) during April 2025 are estimated at US\$ 73.80 Billion, as compared to US\$ 65.48 Billion during April 2024, an estimated growth of 12.70%.
- Merchandise exports during April 2025 was US\$ 38.49 Billion, as compared to US\$ 35.30 Billion during April 2024, registering a positive growth of 9.02%.
- Non-Petroleum exports in April 2025 valued at US\$ 31.11 Billion registered an increase of 10.10% as compared to US\$ 28.26 Billion in April 2024.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 39.51% from US\$ 2.65 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 3.69 Billion in April 2025.
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 11.28% from US\$ 8.55 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 9.51 Billion in April 2025.
- Gems & Jewellery exports increased by 10.74% from US\$ 2.26 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 2.5 Billion in April 2025.
- RMG of all Textiles exports increased by 14.43% from US\$ 1.2 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 1.37 Billion in April 2025.
- Rice exports increased by 13.63% from US\$ 0.95 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 1.08 Billion in April 2025.
- Marine Products exports increased by 17.81% from US\$ 0.49 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 0.58 Billion in April 2025.
- Drugs & Pharmaceuticals exports increased by 2.37% from US\$ 2.43 Billion in April 2024 to US\$ 2.49 Billion in April 2025.

II. Bilateral Trade

- A Meeting between Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce and DP World was held on 4th April 2025 on Bharat Mart Africa Setu in New Delhi. The Indian missions from Kenya, Tanzania, Egypt, UAE, Ethiopia and South Africa also joined the meeting through virtual mode.
- A meeting was held in Department of Commerce with a delegation headed by South African High Commissioner to India on 1st April, 2025 at New Delhi. South African side raised various issues including grant of market access to priority products like litchi, avocados, blueberries, citrus fruits, plum, avocado etc. On the other side, Indian side also requested for market access to Indian Banana, table grapes. Potato, garlic, soybean, meat etc. on reciprocal basis.
- As a follow up to the India-U.S. Joint Statement of 13th February 2025, representatives from Department of Commerce and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative met in

Washington DC from 23rd to 25th April 2025 to determine the scope of discussions in sectors/areas of mutual interest for both sides.

- The Second session of the Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment (JWGTI) with South Africa was held in Pretoria, South Africa from 22nd – 23rd April, 2025. JWGTI was co-chaired by Chief Director, Bilateral Trade Relations, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, Republic of South Africa and Economic Adviser, Department of Commerce. Both sides explored potential areas of collaboration such as Pharmaceuticals, Healthcare, Agriculture, MSME and Jewellery manufacturing among others.
- A delegation led by Economic Advisor, Department of Commerce visited Windhoek from 25th - 26th April, 2025 to discuss India-Southern African Customs Union (SACU) Preferential Trade Agreement. The delegation met Namibian delegation (SACU coordinator) led by Executive Director, Ministry of International Relations and Trade (MIRT) and Executive Director, MIRT. Both sides discussed Terms of Reference and modalities of the India-SACU PTA.

III. Export Infrastructure

- During the month of April, 2025, amount of Rs. 3.56 Crore was sanctioned for the projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):
 - i. Rs. 1.3775 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 Infrastructure in Nandur-Kisartagi Industrial Area, Phase II, Nandur Kesartagi Village in Gulbarga (Kalaburagi) District, Karnataka'.
 - ii. Rs. 60.50 lakh (4th tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) to Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) for the project 'Border Haat at Huroi East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya'.
 - iii. Rs. 25 Lakhs (2nd tranche of 5th installment of TIES Grant) for the project 'Creation of additional ZLD capacity in VISHTEC CETP' – being implemented by Council for Leather Exports (CLE).
 - iv. Rs. 1.3275 Crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES Grant) was released to Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) for the project - 'Plug and Play Infrastructure at Belagavi District, Karnataka'.

IV. Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

- During the month of April 2025, Development Commissioners of various SEZs approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 1,672.48 Crore that is expected to provide employment to 9,124 persons.

V. Export Promotion

- On 24th April 2025, Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council organized an awareness program among the electronic manufacturing sector in New Delhi on the newly launched Electric Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) which was unveiled by the Government of India on 8th April 2025.

- The Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) participated in International Peanut Forum 2025 held in Seville, Spain from 9th - 11th April 2025. The forum served as a global platform for dialogue on key trends, challenges, and innovations influencing the peanut industry.
- The Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) participated in the first consultative meeting hosted by the Tamil Nadu Food Processing and Agri Export Promotion Corporation (TNAPEX) at their newly established Export Promotion Desk (EPD) on 24th April 2025 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. This forward-looking initiative aims to empower farmers, MSMEs, exporters, traders, and agripreneurs in Tamil Nadu by offering comprehensive support in export-related advisory, buyer linkages, compliance, and global trade integration.
- The Indian Oilseeds and Produce Export Promotion Council (IOPEPC) participated in the China International Sesame Conference (Spring) 2025, held on 27th -28th April 2025, at the Shangri-La Hotel in Qingdao, China organized by the China Chamber of Commerce of Import and Export of Foodstuffs,

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

- APEDA, in collaboration with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, hosted an International Conclave cum Buyer-Seller Meet (IBSM) on 10th April 2025 at Kalawangpo Convention Hall in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh to promote agricultural and processed food product exports from Arunachal Pradesh and the broader North-Eastern Region (NER) of India. The event was graced by Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and several senior officers of the Government of Arunachal Pradesh. The IBSM enabled direct interactions between 11 international buyers from 3 countries (UAE, Nepal, and Bhutan) and 17 Indian exporters from 7 states and Union Territories (UTs) including Assam, Maharashtra, Delhi, Hyderabad, Karnataka, Gujarat and West Bengal. These exporters also interacted with over 50 FPOs and over 350 farmers from Arunachal Pradesh who participated in the event.
- APEDA organized its participation in a Buyer-Seller Meet (BSM) on mango, focusing on the erstwhile Khammam district under the Cluster Development Programme. The event organized by the Department of Horticulture, Government of Telangana, in collaboration with APEDA and Prasad Seeds was held on 10th April 2025 at Khammam district, Telangana.
- APEDA organized its participation in a Chittoor Horticulture Conclave and Mango BSM held on 11th April, 2025. The event was organized by the Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Chittoor District Administration in collaboration with APEDA.
- APEDA organized a Mango BSM in Vizianagaram district, Andhra Pradesh on 19th April, 2025. The program was chaired by Minister for MSME, Andhra Pradesh.
- APEDA organized its participation in a Mango BSM organized by the Department of Horticulture, Government of Telangana, in collaboration with APEDA. The event was

held on 24th April, 2025 in Rangareddy district, Telangana. Approximately 130 participants attended.

- APEDA organized a virtual BSM on 25th April 2025 to promote Tamil Nadu's GI products, including Manapparai Murukku (Crispy Rice Flour Snack), Palani Panchamirtham (Temple Fruit Preserve), Srivilliputtur Palkova (Milk Sweet), Kovilpatti Kadalai Mittai (Peanut Candy) and Udangudi Panangkarupatti (Palm Jaggery).
- APEDA in collaboration with Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT) and Odisha Cooperation Federation (OCF) organized an export-oriented capacity-building program and workshop in Bhubaneswar on April 25, 2025. The event was inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister of Odisha and Minister in Charge (MIC) for Agriculture.
- APEDA organized its participation in a Kadapa Horticulture Conclave cum Buyer-Seller Meet focusing on Banana, Mango, Sweet oranges, Onion and Turmeric in the erstwhile Kadapa District on 29th April 2025 organized by the Department of Horticulture, Government of Andhra Pradesh in collaboration with APEDA.
- During the month of April 2025, APEDA flagged off following New Product to New Destinations:
 - i. On 3rd April 2025, flagged off first ever export of Biscuits of 50MT from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to UAE.
 - ii. On 5th April 2025, flagged off Ginger of 1 MT from West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya to Singapore.
 - iii. On 7th April 2025, flagged off Aromatic Joha Rice of 1 MT from Goalpara, Assam to Vietnam.

VII. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)

- During the month of April 2025, MPEDA issued certificates of registration to 15 exporters, 3 processing plants, 4 storage facilities and 1 peeling shed. Currently, 471 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 70 EU-approved cold storage facilities are present.

VIII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During April 2025, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs. 87.66 Crore, issued 424 policies, added 1,175 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs. 12.98 Crore.

IX. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 18,129 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,124 under Advance Authorizations, 3 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 14,486 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,516 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during April 2025.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of April 2025: -
 - i. Amendment in Import Policy Condition of Synthetic Knitted Fabrics Covered under Chapter 60 of the ITC (HS), 2022-reg vide Notification No. 05/2025-26 dated 23rd April 2025.

- ii. Amendment in Import Policy Condition No.07(i) of Chapter-27 of Schedule-I (Import Policy) of ITC (HS), 2022 reg vide Notification No. 04/2025-26 dated 15th April 2025.
- iii. Inclusion of Land Custom Stations Darranga as Food Import Entry Points in List “A” of Appendix-V to Schedule-I (Import Policy), ITC (HS), 2022 in sync with relevant FSSAI Notification - reg vide Notification No. 03/2025-26 dated 2nd April 2025.
- iv. Amendment in import policy and policy condition of Roasted Areca Nuts falling under ITC (HS) Code 20081920 of Chapter-20 of ITC (HS), 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy) - reg vide Notification No. 02/2025-26 dated 2nd April 2025.
- v. Supply of essential commodities to the Republic of Maldives during 2025-26 - reg. vide Notification No. 01/2025-26 dated 1st April 2025.

X. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- DGTR issued Final Finding(s) on the following investigations during the month April 2025:
 - i. Sunset review of the countervailing duty on imports of “Continuous Cast Copper Wire Rod” originating in or exported from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam.
 - ii. Sunset review antidumping investigation concerning imports of “Aniline” originating in or exported from China PR.
- CBIC finally imposed safeguard duty on “Non-Alloy and Alloy Steel Plat Products” on the recommendation of DGTR during the month April 2025.

XI. Government eMarketplace (GeM)

- During April 2025, 166 training sessions and 6 events were conducted for various buyers and sellers’ organizations. 7,785 buyers and sellers participated in these events.
- 16 bids have been awarded which are greater than Rs. 100 crore in April 2025.
- Western Coalfields Limited (Organization under Ministry of Coal) has awarded a bid for "Mass Production Mining Technology Service – per Metric Tonne Basis" for Rs. 532 crore in April 2025.
- Uttar Pradesh has procured the most Goods and Services from GeM with a contribution of Rs. 1,064 crore in overall GMV in April 2025, followed by Gujarat with Rs. 541 crore and Bihar with Rs. 236 crore respectively.
- On 22nd April 2025, GeM signed an MoU with the Drone Federation India (DFI) – a leading industry-led, not-for-profit body representing over 200 drone OEMs across the country.
- On 25th March 2025, GeM signed an MoU with the Ambala Scientific Instruments Manufacturers Association (ASIMA), a key industry body representing manufacturers of scientific, mechanical, electronics and glassware instruments.
