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Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during April, 2019

- On the basis of Quick Estimates on Merchandise Trade for India released on 15.4.2019, the value of Merchandise Exports during March, 2019 has been USD 32.55 billion, as compared to USD 29.32 billion in March 2018, exhibiting a positive growth of 11.02 per cent. In Rupee terms, exports were Rs. 2,26,138.76 crore in March 2019, as compared to Rs. 190,619.25 crore in March 2018, registering a positive growth of 18.63 per cent. The cumulative value of exports during April-March 2019 were USD 331.02 billion compared to USD 303.53 billion during April-March 2018, registering a growth of 9.06 percent. The merchandise exports in April-March 2019 are the highest ever, surpassing the earlier peak of USD 314.4 billion achieved in 2013-14. This has been achieved in a challenging global environment.
- Regional Authorities of DGFT issued following Authorizations/Scripts during the month of April, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scripts issued in April, 2019
1	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	11174
2	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS)	21167
3	Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS)	631
4	Advance Authorization	1824
5	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	820

- Tea Board enumerated 1,97,354 small tea growers and issued 130990 identity cards including 33,416 number cards with QR code in Assam.
- Rubber Board Conducted 109 training programmes on various subjects/topics benefiting 1,410 participants and organized 489 farmer education programmes with a participation of 16,590 farmers during April, 2019. It also organized 600 rubber producers societies meeting benefiting 11,711 farmers and conducted 481 promotional campaign meetings with the participation of 23,529 rubber growers for promoting Good Agricultural Practices during the month.
- Rubber Board conducted various programmes under annual training calendar on topics such as manuring in rubber, latex harvest technology, Bee-keeping, and rubber products manufacture & testing during April 2019 benefiting 166 small rubber growers, rubber tappers and entrepreneurs.
- Under the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) awarded Phase-II project in April 2019 to the Rubber Board along with Rubber Board Skill Development Council (RSDC) covering 8900 beneficiaries during the year 2019–20. The Board also maintained 879.38 ha of rubber plantations for the ST beneficiaries in Kerala, Tripura, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, under tribal development projects in collaboration with the concerned state Governments during the month.
- Regional Office of Spice Board, Guwahati had organized training programmes for farmers and officials under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna scheme with the financial assistance of Rs.8.484 lakhs received from RKVY, Assam.
- During the month of April, 2019, Spice Board has issued 136 Certificates of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 12 Cardamom Dealer License and a total of 10574 parameters in spice samples have been analyzed by the Quality Evaluation Laboratories of the Board.

- Spices Board's e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinaykannur in Tamil Nadu have facilitated auction of 918 MT of small cardamom with a monthly average price realization of Rs.1692.49 per kg during April, 2019.
- GeM has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UT of Lakshadweep for procurement of goods and services.
- Total transaction value on GeM portal has crossed Rs. 24,542 Crore as on April, 2019. 2747 buyers & 428 sellers have been provided training for capacity building in the Month of April, 2019.
- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has initiated investigation concerning import of aluminum and zinc coated flat products originating in or exported from China PR, Korea RP and Vietnam on 2.4.2019.
- An MoU has been signed between Logistics Division and the Chartered Institute of Logistic and Transport (CILT), India to set up an institutional mechanism for Department of Commerce to work with various stakeholders in logistics sector.

Achievements of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) for Financial Year 2019-20 for April 2019

Particulars	April 2018 - March 2019	For April 2019
Value of Exports supported (Business Covered) – Rs. in Crore (Cumulative)	6,57,020	37,720
Gross Premium earned (Rs. in Crore)	1,248	41.14
No. of new buyers added	17,699	922
No. of active buyers on record (As on)	5,28,883	5,29,745
Policies in-force (As on)	12,325	12,325
No. of accounts covered under ECIB (As on)	19,181	5,654
Claims Paid in No.	726	7
Claims Paid Amount (Rs. in Crore)	1,013.31	1.53

**Progress Report for National Exports Insurance Account (NEIA) for Financial
Year 2019-20 for April, 2019 (Rs in cr)**

Sl. No.	Particulars	April 2018 - March 2019	For April 2019
1	Number of Projects supported	32	2
2	Value of Exports supported (Project Value)	2,639.65	440.18
3	Number of Covers issued	49	4
4	Value of Covers issued	1606.2	361.77
5	Gross Fees earned for the year	47.40	41.65*
6	Number of Covers in-force	163	165
7	Cover Value in-force	27,063.07	27,349.11
8	Number of Exporters supported	17	3
9	Numbers of Claims Paid	2	0
10	Value of Claims Paid	481.05	0

*Gross Fees earned for the year up to April 2019 includes Guarantee Fee (41.65 Cr) received during previous Financial Years up to 31.03.2019.