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Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during May, 2019

- On the basis of Quick Estimates on Merchandise Trade for India released on 15.5.2019 the value of Merchandise Exports during April, 2019 has been USD 26.07 billion, as compared to USD 25.91 billion in April 2018. In Rupee terms, exports were Rs. 1,81,021.34 crore in April 2019, as compared to Rs. 1,70,052.96 crore in April 2018.
- Regional Authorities of DGFT issued following Authorizations/Scrips during the month of May, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scrips issued in May, 2019 (added on 29.04.2019).
1.	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	11452
2.	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS)	24251
3.	Advance Authorizations	1968
4.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	1075

- Tea Board has developed a mobile app named “Chai Sahyog” connecting small tea growers, Tea Manufacturing Units and Board’s field officers. This app has been successfully launched in North East by Tea Board. It is planned to extend to North Bengal by July, 2019.
- Rubber Board conducted 137 training programmes on various subjects/topics benefiting 1,291 participants and organized 180 farmer education programmes with the participation of 3,505 farmers during May 2019. Board also Organized 299 Rubber Producers societies meeting benefiting 3,652 farmers and certified 381 plantations having an area 306 ha and produced 0.52 lakh planting materials during May 2019.

- Rubber Board conducted 33 training programmes benefitting 594 participants. on Rubber Technology and Quality Certification training on ISO 14971–Risk Management.
- Rubber Board received 1,66,194 sale bills during May 2019 from small rubber growers under Rubber Production Incentive Scheme funded by the Government of Kerala. The bills were confirmed for effecting payment to growers as price incentive and generated an Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources (IEBR) Fund of ₹ 0.77 crore during May 2019.
- Rubber Board awarded following proposals under Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna (PMKVY) during May, 2019: -

(a) Tripura Skill Development Mission (TSDM) Projects: Collaborative project with TSDM for new skilling with a target of 600 beneficiaries in the first phase. (b) Recognition or prior learning training in the Industry Processing centres at M/s Malankara Estate, Thodupuzha and M/s Edathala Polymers, Aluva benefitting 43 participants.
- Spice Board has issued 126 certificates of registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 12 Cardamom Dealer Licence. The average auction price for small cardamom scaled new heights during the month with Rs.2442.87 per kg. The e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinaykannur in Tamil Nadu have facilitated auction of 1050 tons of cardamom (small) through auction.
- Quality Evaluation Laboratories of Spice Board has analyzed a total of 10068 parameters in spice samples and Scientist of Crop Protection division, ICRI, Myladumpara had participated in the one-day spice clinic programme and field visit held on 02.05.2019 at Menonmedu, Chakkupallam Idukki district. Twenty-three progressive farmers of the region were benefited from the field visit and advisory services.
- Scientists of Plant Pathology division conducted RPL training on organic growers at Thookupalam, Idukki (DT), Kerala from 13.05.2019 to 15.05.2019. Around 28 farmers participated and among them 22 farmers successfully completed the training course.
- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has initiated Anti-dumping investigation concerning import of clear float glass originating in or exported from Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and UAE on 02.05.2019, import of digital offset printing Plates originating in or

exported from China PR, Japan, Korea RP, Taiwan and Vietnam on 17.05.2019 and oral hearing held in new shipper review concerning imports of saturated fatty alcohols from Indonesia on 21.05.2019.

- The following major events were organized with Market Access Initiatives (MAI) support in May, 2019:
 - 1) Kyivbuild Ukraine 2019.
 - 2) BSM at Canada Gas and LNG 2019
 - 3) Gift & Deco Show, Poland.
 - 4) 125th China Import and Export Fair, Phase 3 at Guangzhou, China.
 - 5) BSM at Sewden & Denmark.
 - 6) Africa Health 2019, South Africa.
 - 7) In May 2019, Rs.18.79 crores was released to Export Promotion Councils and Trade Bodies for undertaking export promotion activities under MAI Scheme.
- Alembic Pharmaceuticals Ltd, Gujarat and Shanghai Dharma, China have signed a Joint Venture agreement to promote and sell pharmaceutical products of Alembic in the Chinese market on 7th May, 2019 which will provide a boost to our efforts and recent measures taken to enhance Dharma exports to China.
- GeM has Signed MoU with RBL Bank for payment related services i.e. e-EMD, e-PBG, GPA etc.and Total order value on GeM portal has crossed Rs. 25,557 crore as on 31st May 2019. 2877 buyers & 378 sellers have also been provided training for capacity building in the month of May, 2019.

- Export data summary pertaining to the EPCs for the month April 2019 as compared to April 2018. Is as below:

Capexil: 1.63 USD Billion registering a growth of 1.43% over the same period last year.

Shefexil: 0.19 USD Billion registering a growth of 17.90% over the same period last year.

Chemexcil: 1.78 USD Billion registering a growth 15.04% over the same period last year.

- The expenditure allocated during Vote on Account for the year 2019-20 has been released in respect of schemes of DoC as per schedule.
