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Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during June, 2019

- As per the latest Quick Estimates (QE), India's merchandise exports in May 2019 were USD 29.99 billion, as compared to USD 28.86 billion in May 2018, exhibiting a positive growth of 3.93 per cent. In Rupee terms, exports were Rs. 2,09,280.62 crore in May 2019, as compared to Rs. 1,94,928.45 crore in May 2018, registering a positive growth of 7.36 per cent.
- Non-petroleum and non-Gems & Jewellery exports in May 2019 were valued at USD 21.42 billion as compared to USD 19.94 billion in May 2018, exhibiting a positive growth of 7.42 percent.
- Regional Authorities of DGFT issued following/Scrips during the month of June, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scrips issued in June 2019
1.	Importer Exporter Code (IEC):	9840
2.	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS):	22023
3.	Advance Authorizations	1568
4.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG):	889

- The Rubber Board Conducted 267 training programmes benefiting 3,464 participants during in June 2019 covering the topics such as Apiculture, Latex harvesting technology, Rubber cultivation for estate sector, Rubber products manufacture & testing, Latex / dry goods manufacture and HRD programmes on Sampling of NR & grading and Laboratory Quality Management & Internal Audit as per ISO/IEC 7025:2017 and “Sastradarshan programmes for RPS members.
- The Rubber Board organized 294 farmer education programmes with a participation of 6,513 farmers and 515 Rubber Producers societies meeting benefiting 7,584 farmers and certified 536 plantations having an area 444 ha during June 2019.
- The Rubber Board organized five Entrepreneurs Development Programme (EDP) for Rubber growers in association with M/s National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM), Jaipur covering three NE states viz, Manipur (2), Assam (2) and Meghalaya (1) benefitting around 160 farmers and also organized 294 farmer education programmes with a participation of 6,513 farmers and 515 Rubber Producers societies meeting benefiting 7,584 farmers and certified 536 plantations having an area 444 ha during June 2019.
- The Rubber Board received 88,008 sale bills during June 2019 from small rubber growers under Rubber Production Incentive Scheme funded by the Government of Kerala and confirmed the bills for effecting payment to growers as price incentive.
- Tea Board has signed an in principle agreement with M/s Mjunction (a 50:50 venture promoted by SAIL and Tata Steel) to set up a new e-Platform for auction of tea at Jorhat, Assam.
- The Spice Board has issued 110 certificates of registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 12 Cardamom Dealer Licence. The average auction price for small cardamom during the month was Rs.2773.46 per kg. The e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinaykannur in Tamil Nadu have facilitated auction of 504 tons of cardamom (small) through auction.

- Quality Evaluation Laboratories of Spice Board has analyzed a total of 8963 parameters in spice samples.
- Spice Board conducted RPL training programme under PMKVY, for Plant Tissue Culture Technician at ICRI, Myladumpara and thirty-three trainees participated in the programmer. This is the first of its kind to be conducted on Plant Tissue Culture in Kerala.
- Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) has launched its Annual report on 19.06.2019.
- **Export data summary pertaining to the EPCs for April-May, 2019 as compared to April-May, 2018.**
 - a) **Capexil:** 3.43 USD Billion registering a growth of 1.8% over the same period last year.
 - b) **Plexconcil:** 1.38 USD Billion registering a growth of 4.5% over the same period last year
 - c) **Shefexil:** 0.397 USD Billion registering a growth of 12.89% over the same period last year.
 - d) **Chemexcil:** 3.44 USD Billion registering a growth 13.1% over the same period last year.
- Both the houses of Parliament have passed the Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2019 for Amendment in Section 2(v) of the SEZ Act, 2005 and Commerce Secretary has approved the amendment proposed for Rule 5 of the Special Economic Zone Rules 2006 and sent to the Department of Revenue.
- GeM has Signed MoU with DBS Bank for payment related services i.e. e-EMD, e-PBG, GPA etc.and Total order value on GeM portal has crossed Rs. 26,993 crores as on 30th June, 2019. 4357 buyers & 640 sellers have also been provided training for capacity building in the month of June, 2019.
- State Bank of India and UP government has signed a GPA (GeM Pool Account) MoU at the SBI Headquarters, Lucknow on 28th June, 2019 for payment integration through GeM.

Monthly Progress Report for ECGC for June 2019

(Rs. in Cr)

Particulars	June 2019
Value of Exports supported (Business Covered) – (Cumulative)	45,311
Gross Premium earned	259
No. of new buyers added	1,196
No. of policies issued	1,025
Claims Paid in No.	27
Claims Paid Amount	10.53
