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Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during October, 2019

- Regional authorities of DGFT issued following authorizations/scrips during the month of October, 2019.

S.No.	FTP Scheme	Number of Authorizations/ Scrips issued in October, 2019
1.	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	8553
2.	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS)	20451
3.	Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS)	01
4.	Advance authorizations	1558
5.	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	1013

- The Rubber Board organised 380 farmer education programmes with a participation of 10,431 farmers and 506 Rubber Producers Societies meeting benefitting 9,703 farmers and certified 246 plantations having an area 184 hac during October, 2019. In addition, the Rubber Board formed one Rubber Producers Societies (RPS), five Tappers` Bank & nine Labour groups/common interest groups as a part of empowering rubber growers. The Board also conducted 30 meetings in North East region with the objective of promoting scientific tapping and quality upgradation benefitting 1,558 growers/tappers during October 2019.
- The average auction price of Spice Board for small cardamom during the month of October was Rs.2652.14 per kg. The e-auction centres at Puttady in Kerala and Bodinaykannur in Tamil Nadu have

facilitated auction of 1364 tons of cardamom (small) through e-auction.

- The quality evaluation laboratories of the Spice Board have analysed a total of 8899 parameters in spice samples during the month of October, 2019. The Spice Board has issued 100 Certificates of Registration as Exporter of Spices (CRES) and 9 cardamom dealer licences during October, 2019.
- The Spice Board organised a buyer seller meet for black pepper at Kolli Hills, Namakkal District, Tamil Nadu on 31.10.2019. Around 200 sellers representing progressive farmers/farmer's societies/traders/processors from Kolli Hills and nearby areas of the State and 45 exporters from across the country participated in the event.
- The Regional Office Spice Board, Bodinayakanur conducted Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) certificate distribution ceremony at Pulinkatta, Kerala on 23.10.2019. 46 farmers participated in the programme. The Divisional Office of Spice Board, Itanagar also conducted RPL training programme at A pop village from 15th to 17th October, 2019. 47 farmers participated in the programme.
- The Coffee Board organised a curtain raiser event of 5th World Coffee Conference – 2020 in Delhi on 15th October, 2019 and at Bengaluru on 17th October, 2019.
- Pharmexcil has issued a work order on 21.10.2019 to Centre for Development of Advance Computing (C-DAC) for development of web portal for authentication of pharmaceutical exports.
- A protocol between India and Ecuador has been signed on 23.10.2019 on completion of the joint study for exploring a Trade Agreement.
- Council of Leather Exports (CLE) organised a Buyer Seller Meet(BSM) in Chile and Peru during October, 2019 under MAI Scheme of the DoC. Latin America (specially Chile and Peru) is an important market for footwear and leather products. The BSM at

Chile and Peru has provided an opportunity to our exporters to enhance our trade in the leather sector.

- Expenditure Finance Committee(EFC) has approved the proposal for the umbrella scheme, the Champion Services Sector Scheme (CSSS) along with proposal for sectoral schemes of six nodal Ministries/Departments under CSSS, namely, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of telecommunication, Ministry of AYUSH, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of electronics and Information Technology, for which funding is required for a total amount of Rs. 3369.75 Crores for 2019-20 to 2023-24 out of the Rs. 5,000/- Cr fund approved by the Cabinet.
- Export data summary pertaining to the EPCs for April-September, 2019-20 as compared to April-September, 2018-19: -

Capexil: 10.74 USD Billion registering a growth of 2.73% over the same period last year.

Shexil: 1.10 USD Billion registering a growth of 6.11% over the same period last year.

Chemexil: 9.44 USD Billion registering a growth 1.22% over the same period last year.

- GeM has provided training to 4901 buyers & 1801 sellers for capacity building in the month of October, 2019
- Total order value on GeM portal has crossed Rs. 36,669 crores as on 31st October, 2019.
- MSME sellers/service providers have been awarded contract worth Rs. 18444 Cr. (50.30%) of total contract value.
- GeM and three Public Sector Banks i.e. Union Bank of India, Canara Bank and Indian Bank have signed MOU for payment related service i.e. payment through GeM Pool Account(GPA), advising of Bank Guarantee (e-P BG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) etc. Gem has also signed MOU with Federal Bank which will particularly support MSMEs to get easy credit and improve business with the Government.

- The status of all 474 Group 'B' and Ç' surplus staff who have been accepted by DoP&T in the Central (Surplus Staff) Roll of that Department is as under:

Total Group 'C' Staff got redeployed to various Deptt./Ministry/Organization	289
Total staff got retired, availed special VRS or died	158
Total surplus staff yet to be redeployed	27

- The following major events were approved with MAI support in October, 2019:

- India Carpet Expo at Varanasi
- India International Cooperative Trade Fair(IICTF) at New Delhi.
- ANUGA 2019 at Germany.
- MSV 2019 at Czech Republic.
- K Fair at Germany.

- In October, 2019 Rs.32.92 crores were released to Export Promotion Councils and trade bodies for undertaking export promotion activities under MAI Scheme.

- Monthly Progress Report for ECGC for FY 2019-20 for the month of October, 2019**

(□ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	September 2019
1	Value of Exports supported (Business Covered)	□46,681
2	Gross Premium Earned	□114.2
3	No. of new buyers added	1,220
4	No. of policies issued	1,109
5	No. of Claims Paid	62
6	Claims Paid Amount	□51.8
7	No. of Claims Rejected	90

- **Monthly Progress Report for NEIA for FY 2019-20 for the month of October, 2019**

(□ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	October, 2019
1	Number of new projects supported	4
2	Value of Exports supported (Project Value)	□ 1075.24
3	Number of Covers issued	4
4	Value of Covers issued	□ 764.76

- SEZ Division, as a measure of “Ease of doing business”, has issued an instruction No. 100 dated 25.10.2019, allowing Gems & Jewellery units in SEZs to get a single Letter of Approval for the items mentioned under Chapter 71 of ITC HS.
