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

Major Achievements of the Department of Commerce during April, 2020

I. Trade

- The merchandise trade deficit for March 2020 was estimated at USD 9.76 billion as against the deficit of USD11.00 billion in March 2019.

II. Export Promotion Councils

- M/s Siemens Gamesa, a member company of Project Export Promotion Council of India (PEPC) has secured a 20-year contract to provide full-scope O&M services for a 135-MW Senvion wind farm in Victoria, Australia. M/s Siemens Gamesa also secured an order to supply turbines for the 342 MW Kaskasi offshore wind power plant in the German North Sea in addition to another 312 MW Turbine Order in Brazil.
- M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd., a member company of Project Export Promotion Council of India (PEPC) has been awarded a prestigious order in Kuwait to upgrade substations and related power facilities in KNPC's Mina Al Ahmadi oil refinery. The revamped network of distribution substations with latest technology will enhance reliability of power supply and facilitate expansion.
- M/s Larsen & Toubro Ltd. has also won a 400 kV Grid Station order in Oman which will be a crucial element in the Sultanate's major transmission initiative to interconnect the grids in the south and north with the PDO area and an order to Design, Supply, Construct & Commission a 220 kV Gas Insulated Substation in Egypt.
- PEPC circulated information about sixty-four (64) upcoming projects to its members in April, 2020.
- Gems & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) organized 21 Webinars during the month of April, 2020 with participants from various industry stakeholders on various topics such as Way forward for the industry post Covid-19, MSME Webinar series on various topics, digital marketing strategy amidst a global crisis, International market scenario & way forward post lockdown, Boosting export through effective marketing strategies after COVID-19 etc.
- DGFT, based on the recommendations of Ministry of External Affairs granted exemptions during the month of April, 2020 to export Hydroxychloroquine to

68 countries and Paracetamol to 23 countries from whom requests have been received for procuring the same.

III. **Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC)**

- Progress Report for Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) for April, 2020 is as follows: -

(□ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	April 2020
1	Value of Exports supported (Business Covered)	□10,113
2	Gross Premium Earned	13
3	Number of new buyers added	78
4	Number of policies issued	37
5	Number of Claims Paid	2
6	Claims Paid Amount	□4.32
7	Number of Claims Rejected	14

IV. **Plantation**

- The Rubber Board convinced the State Governments to resume rubber tapping and operations of rubber processing units to ensure uninterrupted supply of latex and also continued cultural operations in rubber plantation sector including rain-guarding, considering increased demand for gloves and other allied products during COVID-19.

V. **APEDA**

- In view of the higher freight charges charged by the Airlines due to lockdown, APEDA held meetings on daily basis through VC with Ministry of Civil Aviation, AAICLAS, Air India, VAFA and Freight Forwarders for facilitating the exporters in connecting to Airlines as well as for freight negotiation with Air India allowing export of fresh horticulture produce to overseas destinations. This immediate intervention helped in air shipment of agricultural produce by air to major destinations, i.e, London, Frankfurt, Sharjah from 13th April, 2020 onwards through Air India from Mumbai, Kochi, Kolkata airports. Further, another consignment of 2.7MT of fresh vegetables was sent on 23rd April, 2020 from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh to London through British Airways.

VI. **Government e-Marketplace (GeM)**

- Important activities/achievements on Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

A. **GeM statistics:**

Sr	Parameter	Number added during	Cumulative total
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No.		the preceding month			
		Number	Value	Number	Value
1	Number of Users	13,081	--	5,51,636	--
2	Number of Government organizations	123	--	44,795	--
3	Number of Sellers/Service Providers	11,841	--	368,795	--
4	Number of Product categories (level 3) in market	10	--	1,048	--
5	Number of Products	64,555	--	2,152,316	--
6	Number of product orders placed	37,160	--	3,861,078	--
7	Value of product orders placed	--	822.99 INR CR	--	43,395.71 INR CR
8	Number of service orders placed	1,039	--	32,540	--
9	Value of service orders placed	--	225.69 INR CR	--	4,058.16 INR CR
10	Number of Government buyers trained on GeM	233	--	1,48,515	--
11	Number of vendors trained on GeM	1,702	--	41,965	--

B. Top ten Central Government organizations (in terms of value of orders) making procurement through GeM:

Sr No.	Name of Central Government organization	Cumulative value of orders placed (in Rupees Crores)
1	Dte. Genl. Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	1496
2	National Informatics Centre Services Incorporated (NICS), New Delhi	626
3	Assam Rifles, Headquarter, Directorate General of Assam Rifles (DGAR)	488
4	Delhi Police Headquarter, Central Police Organisation	418
5	National Informatics Centre (NIC), Headquarter	414
6	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), New Delhi	347
7	Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), MHA	298
8	National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)	293
9	Border Security Force (BSF), New Delhi	266
10	Directorate General, Indo Tibetan Border Police	247

- C. **No. of Central Government organizations registered on GeM but not making procurement through GeM: 6206**
- D. **Top ten State Government organizations (in terms of value of orders) making procurement through GeM:**

Sr No.	Name of State Government organization	Cumulative value of orders placed (in Rupees Crores)
1	Directorate of Public Instruction, School Education Department Madhya Pradesh	626
2	Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department Madhya Pradesh	445
3	Telangana State Police Department	416
4	Gujarat State Road Transport Corporation	411
5	Medical & Health, Medical Health and Family Welfare Department Uttar Pradesh	380
6	Basic Education Department, Uttar Pradesh	342
7	Up Police Head Quarter Allahabad	320
8	Punjab State Grains Procurement Corporation Limited (Pungrain)	302
9	Tribal Development Department, Maharashtra	259
10	Industries and Mines Department Gujarat	232

E. **Other Payments on GeM**

Average Payment time on GeM	16 Days (Only online Payments are considered. i.e which are paid through payment mode integrated with GeM. Payments which are paid outside GeM and updated in the system manually are not considered):
Central Government Organizations making timely payment on GeM in April-2020	57 offices have made payment within the prescribed timeline of ten days.
Central Government organizations making delayed payment on GeM in April-2020	6 offices have made payments beyond the prescribed time-limit of ten days, ranging up to 100 days.
No. of contract in which timely payment has been made since launch of GeM	641,501 (396,008 online + 245,493 offline).
No. of contract in which delayed payment has been made since launch of GeM	1,099,765 (230,194 online + 869,571 offline).
Number of vendors put on Watchlisted /Suspension	639

/Disabled list from GeM Portal due to malpractice	
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