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Subject: Major Achievements of Department of Commerce during September 2022

I. Trade Performance

- India has achieved merchandise export of USD 35.45 billion in September 2022.
- Major export commodity groups exhibiting positive growth in September 2022 are Electronic goods (71.99%), Tobacco (62.16%), Petroleum products (43.01%), Oil seeds (17.47%), Gems and Jewellery (17.27%), Coffee (13.89%), Fruits and Vegetables (13.10%), Tea (10.82%), Leather and leather products (8.98%) and Cereal preparations & miscellaneous processed items (7.65%).

II. Export Infrastructure and Promotion

- Development Commissioners of various SEZs during the month of September 2022 have approved the proposals of investments of Rs 4567.52 Crore which will also provide employment to approx. 13437 persons.
- Empowered Committee (EC) on TIES approved 13 new project proposals, belonging to various States viz. Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Bihar, with total TIES share of Rs. 118.11 crore and recommended release of first instalments of Rs. 59.02 crore for these projects-
 - i. Border Haat at Huroi (East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya)
 - ii. Development of Trade Promotion Centre at Gomti Nagar, Lucknow.
 - iii. Development of Export Warehousing Facility at AEP, Gajuwaka, Vishakapatnam
 - iv. Development of Mini Tidel Park in Villupuram, Thoothukudi and Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
 - v. Plug and Play Infrastructure at Belagavi, Gulbarga, Doddaballapur Industrial area (Bengaluru Rural), and Dharwad, Karnataka.
 - vi. Air Cargo Complex at ICD Sanganer, Jaipur
 - vii. Integrated Export Pack house for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Bihta, Patna
 - viii. Pharma Lab Baddi-Phase-II.
- In addition, EC approved release of next instalments of TIES grant of Rs. 27.89 cr. in respect of six ongoing projects under the scheme. Total fund release under TIES, approved by 16th EC is Rs. 86.91 crore.

- TEPC organized India Africa ICT Expo 2022.
- ESC organised a Start-up Conclave in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh on 6th September 2022.
- As part of ESC-STPI Start-up Initiative “Building the Next Unicorn”, Rajasthan State Conclave was held on 14th September 2022 in Jaipur and Karnataka State Conclave was held on 23rd September 2022 in Bangalore.
- ESC participated in Conclave on “Investment Promotion, Export, Ease of Doing Business and One District one Product” held in Nashik on 22nd September 2022. ESC made a presentation on “Export Opportunities in Electronics and Software Sector and support for Export Promotion by the Government of India and EPCs”. The audience included electronic and software start-ups and MSMEs.

III. MPEDA

- MPEDA enrolled 174 farms, formed 6 new cluster farm and organized 112 campaigns benefiting 1741 farmers during September 2022.
- It issued 1597 DS 2031 certificates, 684 catch certificates for EU, 86 catch certificates for Non- EU, 19 ICCAT documents, 13 Non-Radio Activity certificates, 11 Duty free import certificate and 4 RCMC(Ordinary).
- 706 Certificate of Origin (CoO) were issued fetching income of Rs. 5,19,616/-.

IV. Promotion of Plantation Sector

- Web-enabled operationalization of Tea Boards schemes.
- Rubber Board initiated rubber planting in North East under NE MITRA Project with a commitment of financial support to the tune of Rs.1,000 core from four participating tyre companies for five years from 2021 to 2026 for developing 200,000 ha. The maximum support for rubber plantation development as committed by the contributing tyre companies is Rs 50,000 per ha. Amount received from four participating Tyre Companies during 2021.- 22 was Rs.16.97 crore and planting completed in 3861 ha.
- Spices Board has been conducting the mega biennial event “World Spice Congress (WSC)” from 1990 onwards where the entire spice fraternity from all over the globe converges to share thoughts and to script a roadmap to future. Thirteen such events were conducted in the various metro cities of India so far from 1990 and the ensuing one is planned to be organized in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra during 14th-16th February-2023. Over the years the WSC has evolved as the world’s largest exclusive B2B platform for the spices sector. The 14th edition of WSC will deliberate on the theme; Vision 2030: SPICES- Sustainability, Productivity, Innovation, Collaboration, Excellence, & Safety, with an expected participation of 250-300 overseas delegates from more than 40 countries (including G20 countries), 600-700 Indian Exporters/traders & other stakeholders and about 200-250 exhibitors.

V. Export Credit, Insurance and MAI Assistance

- During September 2022, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) has supported exports of Rs 53,066 Crore, earned a premium of Rs 112 Crore, issued 1162 policies, added 1821 new buyers and settled claims worth Rs 168 Crore.

VI. Bilateral Trade

- During September 2022, TBT chapter negotiated under India-UK FTA were closed.
- The draft Services text to be proposed to EU for the India-EU FTA was finalized in consultation with the concerned Ministries/ Departments, CWTOS and CTIL. The same was shared with the EU side on 21st September, 2022.
- 3+3 India Singapore Ministerial meeting were held on 17th September 2022 in which Hon'ble EAM, Hon'ble CIM and Hon'ble FM participated from India with their counterparts from Singapore. In the meeting, issues regarding MRAs in Accountancy, Nursing and Architecture in pursuance of the India-Singapore CECA and mobility of professionals were also taken up.
- The fourth round of India-Canada Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA)/Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations was held from 26th September to 30th September, 2022 in New Delhi. The discussions on Goods, Trade Remedies, Rules of Origin & Origin Procedures, Customs Procedures, Trade Facilitation, SPS & TBT, Environment, Labour, Trade in Services including Financial Services, Temporary Entry, Investment and Institutional etc were held.
- The Economic Development Board, Government of Mauritius in collaboration with the High Commission of India organized the launching of The Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA) Forum 2022. The official opening of the CECPA Forum was held in Mauritius on 13th September, 2022.
- Indian delegation led by HCIM visited Los Angeles, USA for the Ministerial Level and Senior Official meeting of the IPEF countries from 6th to 9th September, 2022. All IPEF partner countries engaged in a constructive manner in order to achieve the outcome at the Ministerial meeting. Partner countries have finalized very detailed Joint Statements in each area detailing broad elements and scope for subsequent negotiations.

VII. DGFT

- Regional Authorities of DGFT have issued 15,340 Authorizations/Scrips under various FTP Schemes viz., Importers/Exporters Code (IEC), Merchandise Exports from India Scheme (MEIS), Service Exports from India's (SEIS), Advance Authorizations and Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during September 2022.

VIII. GeM

- There have been 8 bids above Rs 100 crore awarded on GeM by the Central Government Organizations in the month of September'22. These include procurement

of Vaccines for Rs 1266 crore by Department of Health; procurement of Silicon Manganese by Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. for Rs 240 crore and by Steel Authority of India Ltd. for Rs 133 crore; procurement of asset insurance by PowerGrid Corporation of India Ltd. for Rs 137 crore.

- Two-day National Conference on Smart Panchayat: Empowering Rural Communities in Lucknow on 15th & 16th September: Addressed the Event highlighting the role of GeM in revolutionizing Government procurement and the potential for both buyers and sellers at the Village / Panchayat level. The GeM stall at the event received an overwhelming response from government officials and vendors alike. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh along with the Hon'ble Minister for Panchayati Raj also graced the GeM stall and appreciated the efforts by GeM.
- Major Integration priority items delivered:
 - i. CONCOR (M/o Railways)- ERP Integration Done.
 - ii. Rectification of GPA payments failure issue
 - iii. Functionality of Interest Charges on delayed Payments has gone Live.
 - iv. e- Asset (in PFMS) integration done from GeM's Side.
 - v. GPA Integration on UAT with Bank of India.
 - vi. Subsequent to 13 meetings in the previous month with 21 CPSUs, for finalization of TDD for CPSE Integration. Inputs were taken and after incorporating the same, Version 1.8 is floated after multiple iterations for final sign-off. Meetings were held with 5 CPSEs for Final Sign Off and the process is underway for the remaining CPSEs.
