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

Subject: Major Achievement of Department of Commerce during the month of December 2024

I. Trade Performance

- The cumulative exports (merchandise & services) during April-December 2024 is estimated at USD 602.64 Billion, as compared to USD 568.36 Billion in April-December 2023, an estimated growth of 6.03%.
- The cumulative value of merchandise exports during April-December 2024 was USD 321.71 Billion, as compared to USD 316.65 Billion during April-December 2023, registering a positive growth of 1.6%.
- Non-Petroleum exports in December 2024 valued at USD 33.09 Billion registered an increase of 5.05% as compared to USD 31.50 Billion in December 2023.
- The cumulative Non-Petroleum exports in April - December 2024 valued at USD 272.70 Billion registered an increase of 7.05% as compared to USD 254.74 Billion in April - December 2023.
- Non-petroleum & Non-Gems & Jewellery exports registered an increase of 8.25% from USD 28.60 Billion in December 2023 to USD 30.96 Billion in December 2024.
- Major drivers of merchandise exports growth in December 2024 include Electronic Goods, Engineering Goods, Rice, RMG of all Textiles and Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc.
- Electronic Goods exports increased by 35.11% from USD 2.65 Billion in December 2023 to USD 3.58 Billion in December 2024.
- Engineering Goods exports increased by 8.35% from USD 10.01 Billion in December 2023 to USD 10.84 Billion in December 2024.
- Rice exports increased by 64.03% from USD 0.87 Billion in December 2023 to USD 1.43 Billion in December 2024.
- RMG of all Textiles exports increased by 12.89% from USD 1.30 Billion in December 2023 to USD 1.46 Billion in December 2024.
- Cotton Yarn/Fabs./made-ups, Handloom Products etc. exports increased by 11.98% from USD 0.94 Billion in December 2023 to USD 1.05 Billion in December 2024.

II. Bilateral Trade

- The Commerce & Industry Minister (CIM) met Ms. Piret Hartman, Minister of Regional Affairs and Agriculture of Estonia on 3rd December, 2024 in New Delhi to

discuss bilateral Foreign Trade Policy and possible bilateral cooperation opportunities in the field of import and export between the two countries.

- CIM hosted a dinner with the 18 Heads of Missions of EU-27 Member States and the Delegation of the European Union to India on 11th December, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi during which discussion was held on India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Negotiations, India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC) and India-EU at WTO.
- CIM met Portugal's Foreign Minister, Mr. Paulo Rangel on 12th December, 2024 in New Delhi to discuss India-Portugal and India-EU trade relations.
- CIM held a virtual meeting with Mr. Marcos Sefcovic, EU Trade Commissioner on 19th December, 2024 to discuss bilateral issues of EU-27 countries.
- CIM met Mr. Todd McClay, Trade Minister of New Zealand, on 16th December 2024 in New Delhi to discuss feasibility to enter into an FTA.
- The Italian Minister of Enterprises and Made in Italy, Mr. Adolfo Urso who met Commerce Secretary on 2nd December, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss India-Italy bilateral trade relations, had a brief interaction with CIM on 2nd December, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan.
- British High Commissioner, Ms. Lindy Cameron met Commerce Secretary on 13th December, 2024 in Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi to discuss India-UK bilateral trade relations.
- On 9th December 2024, Commerce Secretary had a luncheon discussion on India-Italy trade relations with Mr. Antonio Bartoli, Ambassador of Italy to India at his residence (Embassy of Italy, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi).
- A meeting was chaired by Commerce Secretary regarding ensuring food grain security to African countries on 16th December 2024, in New Delhi. Representatives from Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Cooperation, Department of Agriculture, DGFT, National Cooperatives Exports Limited (NCEL), Centre for WTO Studies (CWTOS), Centre for Trade Investment and Law (CTIL) have participated in the meeting.
- The 3-day stock take visit for the India-Australia Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) concluded in New Delhi on 6th December, 2024. The meeting, held from 4th to 6th December 2024 between the Australian delegation and India side, covered discussions on several critical areas of the CECA including trade in goods, services, mobility and agri-tech cooperation. Both countries shared a constructive dialogue on issues related to trade, supply chains and agricultural sector. Both parties evaluated the progress made so far and outlined a path forward for the early conclusion of the CECA.
- Economic Adviser, FT(Africa) and Deputy Head of Mission, Ethiopia Amb Molalign Asfawon held meeting on 13th December 2024 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi. Discussions were mainly focusing on trade and investment issues faced by Indian companies in Ethiopia.
- A meeting was held under the Chairpersonship of Economic Adviser, FT(Africa) Division, Department of Commerce in New Delhi to discuss the Mutual Recognition

Agreements between professional bodies with regard to follow up of first session of India-Mauritius High Powered Joint Trade Committee (HPJTC). Major professional bodies like Indian Nursing Council, Engineering Council of India, Indian Company Secretary Institute etc. participated in the meeting.

III. Export Infrastructure

- During the month of December, 2024, amount of Rs. 11.2725 crore was released for the projects under Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES):-
 - i Rs. 58.50 lakh (First installment of TIES grant) to Madhya Pradesh State Agriculture Marketing Board (MPSAMB) for the project 'Establishment of post harvest management, storage and market facility for pomegranate at Khargone, Madhya Pradesh'.
 - ii Rs. 60.50 lakh (3rd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) for the project 'Border Haat at Huroi East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya'.
 - iii Rs. 2.3275 Crore (1st tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) regarding project 'Setting up common infrastructure facilities at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Niryat Suvidha Kendra at Chunar Tehsil, Mirzapur – U.P'.
 - iv Rs. 1.62 crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to TIDEL Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Pillayaarpatti Village, District Thanjavur Tamil Nadu'.
 - v Rs. 1.5425 crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to TIDEL Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Thiruchitrambalam, District Villupuram'.
 - vi Rs. 1.5425 crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final instalment of TIES grant) to TIDEL Neo Ltd. for the project 'Development of Mini Tidel Park in Meelavitan-II Village, Thoothukudi Taluk'.
 - vii Rs.72.25 lakh (2nd tranche of 2nd & final instalment of TIES grant) to 'Bihar Industrial Area Development Authority (BIADA)' for the project 'Integrated Export Pack house for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Bihta, Patna'.
 - viii Rs. 2.3275 crore (2nd tranche of 2nd & final installment of TIES grant) to Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) regarding project 'Setting up common infrastructure facilities at Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Niryat Suvidha Kendra at Chunar Tehsil, Mirzapur – U.P'.

IV. Special Economic Zone (SEZ)

- During the month of December 2024, Development Commissioners of various SEZs have approved the proposals of investment of Rs. 5,054.32Crore that is expected to provide employment to 23,610persons.

V. Export Promotion

- Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC) circulated information about 84 upcoming projects in infrastructure, water, power, consultancy to its members in December 2024. PEPC was an industry partner for the International Hardware Fair 2024 India, held from December 6th to 8th 2024 in New Delhi. It attracted both domestic and international visitors from construction industries, engineering sectors, tools specialists, electrical and plumbing contractors, and included international buyer delegations from Europe, the SAARC, and the MENA region. The event also facilitated buyer-seller interactions through RBSM.
- Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) organized India's vibrant participation at Software 2024 from 4th-6th December. From India, 13 Indian companies exhibited from software sector. Since its first opening in 2016, it has established itself as the largest Software business exhibition in Korea. The participation provided a valuable opportunity for networking, and business growth. On 17th December, 2024, ESC organized a virtual B2B meet between India and Chile with support of Indian Embassy, Chile. The objective was to sensitize Electronics Hardware Industry in Chile to look to India for their electronics hardware requirements. The event was well attended by Chilean industry.

VI. The Marine Products Export Development Authority(MPEDA)

- MPEDA enrolled 95 farms, organized 13 clusters and conducted 115 antibiotic campaigns in December 2024.
- During December 2024, 918 numbers(nos) of EU Catch certificates, 89 nos of Non-EU Catch Certificates, 1733 nos of DS 2031 certificates, 62 nos of ICCAT documents, 25 nos of Non-Radio Activity certificates, 01 -RCMC (ordinary), 02 nos of Certificate of Legal Origin, 03 nos of Duty-free certificate, 12 nos JCDS certificate were issued.
- During December 2024, 8 exports, 1 processing plant, 3 Handling Facilities, 2 storages facility, and 2 peeling sheds were issued certificates of registration. Currently, 432 EU-approved seafood processing establishments and 69 EU approved cold storage facilities are present. 1183 Certificate of Origin were issued.
- 20 commercial samples in Testing of SARS-CoV-19 Nucleic Acid material in Seafood Packaging material and 833 samples in Pre-Harvest Test (PHT) were analysed.
- MPEDA officials organized a HACCP training program in Mangalore from 10-13 December, 2024. As part of HACCP training programme at Mangalore, the team also conducted HACCP compliance audit at M/s Everest Sea foods Pvt. Ltd, Mangalore on 09.12.2024.

VII. Export Credit and Insurance (ECI)

- During December 2024, Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC Ltd.) earned a premium of Rs.126.66Crore, issued 1194 policies, added 6444 new buyers, and settled claims worth Rs. 84.02 crore.

VIII. Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

- The Regional Authorities of DGFT issued 18,636 authorizations and scrips under various FTP schemes, viz., 2,335 under Advance Authorizations, 30 under Service Export from India Scheme (SEIS), 14,525 under Importers and Exporters Code (IEC) and 1,746 under Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) during December 2024.
- DGFT issued following Notifications during the month of December 2024: -
 - i. Imposition of Minimum Export Price (MEP) on Export of Honey was notified vide Notification No. 45 dated December 30, 2024.
 - ii. Imposition of Minimum Import Price (MIP) on import of Soda Ash covered under Chapter 28 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-1 (Import Policy) was notified vide Notification No. 46 dated December 30, 2024.
 - iii. Imposition of Quantitative Restriction on import of Low Ash Metallurgical coke under Chapter 27 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-1 (Import Policy) was notified vide Notification No. 44 dated December 26, 2024.
 - iv. Extension in Import Period for Yellow Peas under ITC (HS) Code 07131010 of Chapter 07 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-I (Import Policy) was notified vide Notification No. 43 dated December 24, 2024.
 - v. Export of Broken Rice to Senegal and Gambia through National Cooperative Exports Limited (NCEL) was notified vide Notification No. 42 dated December 5, 2024.

IX. Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR)

- DGTR has issued Final Finding(s) on the following investigations in the month of December 2024:
 - i. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Vacuum Insulated Flask or other Vessels of Stainless Steel” originating in or exported from China PR.
 - ii. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Poly Vinyl Chloride Paste Resin” originating in or exported from China PR, Korea RP, Malaysia, Norway, Taiwan & Thailand.
 - iii. Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of “Halobutyl-Rubber (HIIR)” originating in or exported from Japan, Russia, Singapore, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.
 - iv. Anti-Dumping investigation concerning imports of “Soft Ferrite Cores” originating in or exported from China PR.
 - v. Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Trichloro Isocyanuric

- Acid originating in or exported from China PR, and Japan.
 - vi. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Acrylic Solid Surfaces” originating in or exported from China PR.
 - vii. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Roller Chains” originating in or exported from China PR.
- DGTR has issued Initiation notification(s) on the following cases in the month of December 2024:
 - i. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Liquified Natural Gas Fuel Tank (LFT)” originating in or exported from China PR.
 - ii. Anti-Dumping Investigation concerning imports of Nylon Filament Yarn originating in or exported from China PR and Vietnam.
 - iii. Anti-Dumping investigation of 2,2,4-trimethyl-1,2-dihydroquinoline (TDQ) Originating in or Exported from China PR.
 - iv. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of ‘4,4 Diamino Stilbene 2, 2 Disulphonic Acid (DASDA)’ originating in or exported from China PR.
 - v. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of “Monoisopropylamine” (MIPA) originating in or exported from China PR.
 - vi. Initiation of sunset review anti-dumping investigation on imports of ‘Toluene Di-Isocyanate’ (TDI) originating in or exported from European Union and Saudi Arabia.
 - vii. Anti-absorption review investigation of anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of ‘Untreated Fumed Silica’ originating in or exported from China PR.
 - viii. Anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of Sulphenamides Accelerators originating and exported from China PR, European Union and United States of America.
 - ix. Countervailing Duty investigation concerning imports of Calcium Carbonate Filler Masterbatch from Vietnam.
 - x. Initiation of safeguard investigation concerning imports of "Non-Alloy and Alloy Steel Flat Products" into India.
- Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has imposed duty on the recommendation of DGTR on the following product(s) in the month of December 2024:
 - i. Anti-Dumping Duty on imports of "Textured Tempered Coated and Uncoated Glass " falling under Tariff headings 7003, 7005, 7007, 7016, 7020 and 8541 originating in or exported from China PR or Vietnam for a period of 6 Months.
 - ii. ADD on Telescopic Channel Drawer Slider from China PR for 5 years, pursuant to final findings of DGTR- reg.
 - iii. ADD on Digital Offset Printing Plates from China PR, Japan, Korea RP, Taiwan and Vietnam for 5 years, pursuant to final findings of DGTR- reg.

X. Government eMarketplace (GeM)

- On 16th December, 2024, GeM organised “GeM Seller Samvad Uttarakhand” in Dehradun to reach out to all Uttarakhand-based sellers, especially MSEs, Women-led enterprises, Startups, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), Self-Help Groups, etc.
- On 26th December 2024, GeM signed an MoU with Toy Association of India (TAI) in New Delhi to create direct market linkages for nearly 7,000 affiliated sellers to more than ₹4 Lakh crore of annual public procurement.
- 24 bids greater than ₹100 crore have been awarded. State Bank of India has awarded a bid for "Hiring, Operation and Management of ATM for ₹3,602 crore, Bharat Coking Coal Limited for " Handling, Transport and Other Mining Services for ₹514 crore and Oil India Limited for "Hiring of services for 2D Broadband Streamer Mode Seismic Data Acquisition processing and Interpretation of 14500 LKM in Deep Waters of Extended Continental Shelf in Eastern Offshore of India” for ₹262 crore in Dec-2024.
