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

**Major achievements of Department of Commerce during March, 2019.**

- On the basis of Quick Estimates on merchandise trade for India released on 15.03.2019, the value of merchandise exports during February 2019 has been USD 26.67 billion as compared to USD 26.03 billion in February 2018, thus, registering a growth of 2.44 per cent. The cumulative exports during April-February 2019 has been estimated at USD 298.47 billion compared to USD 274.21 billion during the corresponding period of last fiscal year, which is a growth of 8.85 percent compared to the same period in last fiscal year.
- During the month of March 2019, permits were issued to export a quantity of 43779.87 MT of coffee as against 43211.71 MT during the corresponding month of previous year, which is an increase of over 1.3% when compared to corresponding month of previous year.
- Under Rubber Plantation Development Scheme (Phase VIII), the Rubber Board, issued 1424 fresh permits covering an area of 759.86Ha and sanctioned subsidy of Rs. 121.88 Lakh during March, 2019.
- Twenty-nine training programmes were conducted under Tappers Skill Development Programme 334 candidates, under Advisory and extension services were trained during the month of March 2019. Under farmer education programmers, 618 programmes were organized with the participation of 13,844 farmers.
- Department of Commerce has done detailed tariff line wise analysis of all 1333 tariff lines of Phase 1 and 5734 tariff lines of Phase 2 and identified a list of tariff lines where India is a net exporter and also having potential to export to U.S. The identified list of tariff lines has been shared with the Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and Commodity Boards concerned, for

focusing on identified lines to increase India's export to U.S. The NAFTA Division has revived the performance department-wise and identified the commodities where performance is poor and sensitized the departments to take further action to improve the exports.

- During March, 2019 600 Sellers & 4169 buyers have been provided training in GeM.
- Regional Authorities of DGFT issued following Authorizations/Scripts during the month of March, 2019.

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>FTP Scheme</b>	<b>Number of Authorizations/Scripts issued in March, 2019</b>
1	Importer Exporter Code (IEC) Number	10597
2	Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS)	29300
3	Service Export Incentive Scheme (SEIS)	12
4	Advance Authorization	1528
5	Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG)	978

- Amendments to the SEZ Rules, 2006 were carried out vide gazette notification No. G.S.R.200(E) dated 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.
- The Quality Evaluation Laboratories of the Spices Board have analyzed a total of 12258 parameters in spice samples during the month of March 2019.
- Directorate General Trade Remedies (DGTR) has initiated Anti-dumping investigation concerning import of Chlorinated Polyvinyl Chloride (CPVC) originating in or exported from China PR and Korea RP on 28.03.2019.
- On the eve of closing of financial year, it was ensured that all the funds released were utilized by the stakeholders and overall expenditure on 31.03.2019 was 99.47% of DoC's total outlay.

**Achievements of Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) for FY 2018-19 for March 2019**

Particulars	April 2018 - February 2019	March 2019	April 2018 - March 2019
Value of Exports supported (Business Covered) – Rs. in Crore (Cumulative)	5,37,290	1,19,730	6,57,020
Gross Premium earned (Rs. in Crore)	1,083	164	1,248
No. of new buyers added	15,255	2,444	17,699
No. of active buyers on record (As on)	5,26,515	2,368	5,28,883
Policies in-force (As on)	11,883	442	12,325
No. of accounts covered under ECIB (As on)	18,612	569	19,181
Claims Paid in No.	518	207	726
Claims Paid Amount (Rs. in Crore)	564.31	449.00	1,013.31

**Progress under National Exports Insurance Account (NEIA) for March 2019**

Sl. No.	Particulars	April, 2018 to December, 2018	For January 2019	For February 2019	For March 2019	Up to March 2019
1	Number of Projects supported	19	3	4	6	32
2	Value of Exports supported (Project Value in Rs.Cr.)	1681.24	549.56	283.38	125.47	2639.65
3	Number of Covers issued	29	7	5	8	49
4	Value of Covers issued(Rs Cr.)	919.94	313.09	238.38	134.79	1606.2
5	Gross Fees earned for the year(Rs.Cr.)	45.25	0.30	0.65	1.20	47.40
6	Number of	145	150	154	163	163

	Covers in-force					
7	Cover Value in-force	26,735.87	27,276.37	27,209.53	27,063.07	27,063.07
8	Number of Exporters supported	12	1	2	2	17
9	Numbers of Claims Paid	Nil	Nil	NIL	2	2
10	Value of Claims Paid	21.82	0	0	459.23	481.05

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