

TRADE POLICY DIVISION

International Trade Policy Division also called Trade Policy Division keeps abreast of the developments in the international trade organization like GATT/WTO, UNCTAD, ESCAP, etc. Matters like promotion of trade cooperation among developing countries, Commonwealth trade, multilateral trade, and tariff negotiations, review of existing trade policy, are also the responsibility of this Division.

The Trade Policy Division (TPD) is divided into different functional areas of trade and commerce such as Agriculture, Non-Agricultural Market Access, Disputes and Rules, SPS/TBT, TRIPS & Environment/Labour, Services and Trade Facilitation catering the functions of World Trade Organization and other International Bodies / Groups functioning in the field of development World Trade.

The Division is headed by Special Secretary with five Joint Secretary level officers and Eight Divisional Officers at the level of Directors/ Deputy Secretary and other supporting staff of the following desks:

- **DESK-I** TPD (Agri & Coord)
- **DESK-II** TPD (Disputes & Rules)
- **DESK-III** TPD (SPS-TBT/TRIPS, and Admin & Coord)
- **DESK-IV** TPD (Trade Facilitation)
- **DESK-V** TPD (NAMA)
- **DESK-VII** TPD (Services-I)
- **DESK-VII** TPD (Services-II)
- **DESK-VIII** TPD (Services-III)

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Special Secretary
Trade Policy Division
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Sl. No.	Name of Bureau Officer	Designation
1.	Shri Shyamal Misra	<i>Joint Secretary</i>
2.	Shri Darpan Jain	<i>Joint Secretary</i>
3.	Shri Ajay Kumar Srivastava	<i>Additional Director General of Foreign Trade</i>
4.	Shri A Bipin Menon	<i>Additional Director General of Foreign Trade</i>
5.	Shri Praveen Mahto	<i>Economic Adviser</i>

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Major functions of Trade Policy Division (TPD) :

TPD (Agriculture & Coordination Desk)

Major Area: Agriculture including

- ❖ Agriculture negotiations in the WTO
- ❖ Work relating to notifications under the WTO Agreement on Agriculture (AoA)
- ❖ Review of compliance with relevant Agreements- GATT and AoA
- ❖ WTO Committee on Agriculture (regular) and in Special Session
- ❖ Advice to other Ministries / Departments on Agriculture policies w.r.t. WTO agreements
- ❖ WTO Reforms

Others :

- ❖ Ministerial Conference of the WTO
- ❖ WTO Trade Negotiations Committee
- ❖ General Council of WTO
- ❖ Overall coordination for WTO negotiations including matters to be placed before the Cabinet and its committees.
- ❖ Inputs for bilateral, plurilateral and multilateral documents/MoUs/declaration/communique etc. withing DoC and to other Ministries/Departments involving trade issues , esp. w.r.t. WTO.
- ❖ Talking points and briefs on overall WTO issues for use in various international foras
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- ❖ Matters related to India's participation in WTO Public Forum, Inter Parliamentary Union etc.
- ❖ Informal WTO Ministerial meetings including in the sidelines of various regular meetings , such as the G-20, OECD and World Economic Forum .

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TPD (Rules & Dispute Desk)

- Defending India's interests in trade disputes in the WTO
- Negotiations related to Dispute Settlement, Trade Remedies, Institutional Provisions, General Exceptions, Final Provisions in bilateral and plurilateral trade agreements
- WTO Dispute Settlement Body Reforms
- Interpretation of WTO Agreements [Anti-dumping, Safeguards and Subsidies & Countervailing Measures (SCM)]
- Negotiations related to International Working Group on Export Credit
- Rules negotiations including Fisheries Subsidies, Anti-Dumping Agreement, Agreement on Subsidy & Countervailing Measures and Agreement on Safeguards
- Notification requirement to WTO pertaining to WTO committees on Anti-Dumping, Safeguards and SCM.
- Review of compliance with relevant Agreements (Anti-Dumping, Safeguards and SCM)
- WTO Committees on Anti-Dumping, Safeguards and SCM issues
- Advice to other Ministries/Departments on WTO compatibility of policies and measures

- Indian Council of Arbitration and related work
- Matters related to Anti-Dumping, Countervailing duty and Safeguards in The Customs Tariff Act, 1975
- Empanelment of law firms for handling work related to WTO disputes and trade remedies

Shri Abhimaniu Sharma, Joint Director General of Foreign Trade	Shri K. P. Singh, Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade	Shri Anup Singh, Under Secretary	Shri G P Sai Krishna Prasad Deputy Director General of Foreign Trade
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TPD (SPS-TBT-TRIPS Desk)

Trade & Environment, Trade & Labour, Agreement on TRIPS, Agreement on Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary Measures and Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade including:

- ❖ Work relating to Notification requirement of WTO
- ❖ Review of compliance with relevant Agreements
- ❖ WTO Committees on relevant Agreements

Other Areas

- ❖ **TPD Capacity building including** CRIT/the Centre for WTO studies and WTO chair in National Law School, Bangalore, Study proposal for approval under MAI, etc.
- ❖ TPD Documentation Centre and Library
- ❖ Work relating to RIS
- ❖ E Governance
- ❖ NTMs
- ❖ IIFT, NCTI

TPD (Admn & Coord Desk)

- ❖ Coordination in TPD
- ❖ Result Framework Document (RFD)
- ❖ General Administration, VIP cases in TPD, Hindi matters and matters related to PMI Geneva
- ❖ Nominations for WTO sponsored Seminars/ Workshops and Conferences
- ❖ Matters relating to membership Administration, Budget of WTO.

Shri Puru Gupta, Deputy Secretary	Ms. Tanu Singh Dy. Director General of Foreign Trade	Shri Shyamal Kumar Bit, Section Officer	Shri B S Manral Section Officer
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TPD (Trade Facilitation Desk)

Trade Facilitation, Customs Valuation, Pre-shipment Inspection, Import Licensing Procedure, including:

- Work relating to Notification requirement of WTO
- Review of compliance with relevant Agreements
- WTO Committees on relevant Agreements

Committee on Trade and Development (Special Session) and Sub-Committee on LDCs and Aid for Trade

- Working Groups on Trade and Technology Transfer and Trade, debt and finance.
- Work relating to Investment including TRIMs, Trade, Debt & Finance, Competition Policies.
- Working Parties on Accession
- Trade policy reviews of all WTO members including India
- Trade and Competition Policy

Shri Anurag Sehgal : Deputy Secretary	Shri Vivek Chaudhary : Deputy Director	Shri B S Manral : Section Officer
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TPD (NAMA Desk)

- a) **NAMA :** NAMA, NTMs as limited to NAMA Negotiations, Textiles and clothing issues in the WTO, Committee on Regional Trade Agreements of WTO including CRTA negotiations, International Textile Clothing Bureau (ITCB), *e-commerce in NAMA*, Council for trade in goods, Committee on market access, tariff negotiations, ITA, Duty Free Tariff Preferences (DFTP) for LDCs;
- b) Government procurement and Global coherence; and
- c) State Trading Enterprises; including
 - Work relating to Notification requirement of WTO
 - Review of compliance with relevant Agreements
 - WTO Committees on relevant Agreements
 - Committee on Balance of Payments
- (d) GVC discussion in WTO
- (e) MSME discussions in WTO

Shri V K Verma, Director	Ms Aparajita Singh, Deputy Director
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TPD (Services-I Desk)

WTO related work

- Schedule of Commitments / Offers: Market Access Discussions including new approaches to negotiations as suggested by some developed countries.
- Issues of text: Domestic Regulations, LDC Modalities, Emergency Safeguard Measures, Government procurement, Subsidies etc.
- Implementation of WTO Obligations under Article III and VII etc. of the GATS – issues of notification etc.
- Participating in the multilateral services negotiation and preparation for various meetings of various bodies at the WTO such as the Special Session of the Council for Trade in Services (CTS SS), Regular Session of the Council for Trade in Services (CTS), Committee on Trade in Financial Services (CTFS), Working Party on Domestic Regulations (WPDR) and the Working Party on GATS Rules (WPGR) and to provide inputs to PMI Geneva. Contributing to India's submissions at the WTO.
- Other WTO related matters such as contributing towards India's trade Policy Review, the Ministerial Conference.
- TiSA
- Work related to interpretations of WTO law /GATS

E-Commerce

Other Issues

- Visa Fee Dispute with US
- Evolution of our position on FDI in multi brand retail.
- All work related to Bilateral Investment Promotion & Protection Agreements (BIPAs)
- Cabinet notes, RTI, Parliament Questions, Briefs and Speeches, and Studies

State/UT Governments engagements in Services :

Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Delhi, Pondicherry, and Lakshadweep

FTAs/Bilaterals/RTAs/Plurilaterals

SATIS, BIMSTEC, APTA, G20, SCO and BRICS

Ms Anshika Arora Joint Director	Shri Vivek Kumar Deputy Director (Shared Basis)
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TPD (Services-II Desk)

FTAs/Bilateral foras/dialogue on Trade in Services

- India – US TPF
- India – Canada FTA
- India – Peru FTA
- India – Ecuador
- India – Colombia
- India – Sri Lanka ETCA
- SATIS, BIMSTEC, APTA
- India – Thailand
- India-Chile PTA
- Implementation/Review of India-Singapore, India-Malaysia & India-ASEAN Services Agreements
- India-Mexico HLG
- India-Brazil TMM

Work related to Champion Services Sector Initiative

- Secretariat support to CoS and Screening Committee
- Coordination with line Ministries for preparation, implementation and monitoring of Action Plans for following sectors:
- Information Technology & Information Technology enabled Services (IT & ITeS) Champion Sector (Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology)
- Medical Value Travel Champion Sector (Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)
- Tourism and Hospitality Champion Sector (Ministry of Tourism)
- Communication Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Communications)
- Construction and Related Engineering Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Urban Development and Human Resource Development)
- Audio - Visual Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Information & Broadcasting)

Specific Service Sectors

- Computer & related services
- Communication Services
- Construction and Related Engineering Service
- Health and Social Services
- Tourism and Travel Related Services
- Distribution Services
- Energy Services

Agreements/MoU negotiated by respective line Ministries in the services mentioned above.

State/UT Governments engagements in Services:

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Odisha, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Maharashtra

EP(Services)

Events/Other Issues

Events on Services

1. Global Exhibition on Services
2. Advantage Health Care India

Other Issues

- SEIS
- Issues relating to Indian Visa regime that have bearing on Trade in Services (Modes 2 & 4)
- Strategy for 5 Trillion Economy
- Standard in Services
- Cabinet notes, RTI, Parliament Questions, Briefs and Speeches, and Studies

Ms. Sangeeta Saxena, Director	Shri Vivek Kumar Deputy Director (Shared Basis)	Shri Santosh Kumar Dubey, Under Secretary	Shri Sanjay Kerketta Under Secretary (Shared Basis)	Shri Ullas Kumar Assistant Director
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TPD (Services-III Desk)

FTAs/Bilaterals

- India – Mauritius
- India – Israel
- India – Australia
- India – New Zealand
- India-EAEU
- India – China Working Group on Services
- India – Korea CECA upgradation negotiation
- Implementation of India – Japan CECA
- India-EU,
- India-EFTA,
- India-UK ,
- RCEP

Work related to Champion Services Sector Initiative

- Coordination with line Ministries for preparation, implementation and monitoring of Action Plans for following sectors:
 - Transport and Logistics Services Champion Sector (Department of Commerce)
 - Accounting and Finance Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Corporate Affairs)
 - Environmental Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change)
 - Legal Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Law & Justice)
 - Financial Services Champion Sector (Department of Economic Affairs, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance)
 - Education Services Champion Sector (Ministry of Human Resource Development)

Specific Service Sectors

- Business Services & Professional Services
- Transport Services
- Education Services
- Environmental Services
- Legal services
- Re-creational, Cultural and Sporting Services
- Financial Services
- Banking Services
- Other Services not included elsewhere

Agreements/MoU negotiated by respective line Ministries in the services mentioned above.

State/UT Governments engagements in Services:

Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu

Other Issues

- **Events on Services**
 1. Higher Education Summit and Study in India
 2. North Eastern Region in India related events
 3. Legal Services Events
- Improvement in Statistics on Trade in Services
- Cabinet notes, RTI, Parliament Questions, Briefs and Speeches, and Studies

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