

Minutes of Meeting held through digital video conference under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India with the Chief Secretaries of States/UTs on February 18, 2020 at conference hall of Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand, Project Bhawan regarding States Export Preparedness.

Agenda: Export Preparedness of state and making districts as Export Hub. State Specific detailed agenda attached.

List of Participants: Attached

Chairperson welcomed the participants and emphasized the importance of Export Preparedness and readiness of state. A message given to states that every state should have readiness to promote export to meet the national objective Five Trillion USD economy by 2024. Secretary Industries chaired the session of Jharkhand team and following action points emerged from the meeting:

1. States need to analyse their readiness as per Export Preparedness Index and a dedicated Export Commissioner should be appointed.
2. Jharkhand Export policy to be revised by conducting value chain analysis and identifying gap area and by designing a road map for the new policy period.
3. State needs to promote each district as a 'Export Promotion Hub' for which district wise sector should be identified.
4. Baseline Survey/Study required in each state to know the export constraints and to remove the hurdles. Infrastructure support may be analyzed through constraints in Production, Quality and Testing.
5. One product per district or on same line district plan might be the state plan, where Clusters development and gap area need to analyzed by state.
6. 'Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)' of Government of India would be utilized to develop the existing and new required infrastructures to promote the existing Sector/Commodity/Product in the district/state. Proposal for establishment of NABL and other required infrastructural support may be proposed under TIES scheme to Government of India.
7. State should have sector specific export policy and state must emphasize to prepare 'Agriculture Export Policy' where promoting agriculture export action plan should be the state strategy.
8. Secretary, Commerce, Govt. of India directed that State Should complete first line of Institutional set up at the earliest so that work can be started in Agri Export. The state has already been requested to complete the following steps to start the implementation of the Agri Export Policy:
 - a) Appointment of State Nodal Agency
 - b) Appointment of Nodal Officer
 - c) Formation of State Level Monitoring Committee
 - d) Finalizations of State Action Plan
 - e) Formation of Cluster Facilitation Cell
 - f) Formation of Committee under District Collector which will help in implementing "One District One Product.

In this regard it was informed that the State Government is finalizing the Agri Export Policy, for which, the Department is in touch with regional Office, APEDA, Kolkata. Further, Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Jharkhand has prepared an action plan to complete the above given task by the Government of India and it will be completed soon.

9. It was also emphasized by the Secretary; Commerce, GoI that the State should prepare extensive Agri Export Policy immediately so that implementation will be robust. In this regard it was informed that the Department has already started work on the same and in next couple of months it will be ready.

10. It was requested to government of India that APEDA should open an office in the State so that its regular guidance can be obtained and process of implementation of Agri Export will be faster. In this regard, Chairman, APEDA informed that State should first complete the above given task and subsequently APEDA will do the needful in coming months.
11. Sector Specific Council office or at least satellite office to be opened like Carpet Export Promotion Council, Shellac & Forest Product Export Promotion Council, APEDA, Oilseed & Produce Export Promotion Council, Plastic Export Promotion Council or other institutions to fulfill the requirement of Export and Import. State ensured the Chairperson to provide the office space for councils and such institutions to run their offices in Jharkhand.
12. There is utmost requirement for the opening of Quality and Standards implementation body in the state, as constitution of District Export Promotion Committee (DEPC) is going on in the state and the Quality and Standards implementation body is one of the important stakeholders of the DEPC. Analysis for identifying the focus product/sector for developing each district as export hub is going on which is expected to be completed by the end of March 2020.
13. Operationalization of Inland Waterways at Sahebganj for navigation of Vessels- at Sahebganj, Multi-Model Terminal (MMT) is ready to be operationalised. It will connect Jharkhand to Bay of Bengal and through Bay of Bengal, to the rest of the world. Products like Coal, Cement, Stone Chips, Steel, and steel products can be exported. Issues discussed as;
- (i) Inland Waterway Authority of India is not yet ready to operationalise this MMT with required manpower.
- (ii) Customs clearance facility is yet to be created in this port.
- Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India stated to revisit the state issues which had been shared by the Government of Jharkhand.
14. Air Cargo Facility: Air Cargo Facility at Ranchi Airport was funded by Govt. of Jharkhand. This Air Cargo facility at Ranchi Airport needs expansion for internal trading and requires certain basic infrastructure like Lab testing facility and other codex requirement as per FAO guideline to ensure Quality and Standards implementation for export of fresh vegetables, fruits and flowers.
- (i) AAI has to expand this facility using TIES scheme for handling of fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers.
- (ii) Custom clearance facility is yet to be created in this Airport.
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15. District Export Promotion Committee to be constituted by March end, 2020 and district will come up with their sector specific plan to make district as export hub which will have the evaluation mechanism through regular monthly meetings.
16. Jammu & Kashmir Craft Street model may be visited and studied by states, either to replicate or implement similar kind of sector specific activities in the Districts/State.

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