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EXPORT PERFORMANCE AND INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the total value of exports from Kerala during the last five years, sector-wise, including marine products, spices, coir, rubber and IT services;
- (b) Kerala's rank among States in terms of merchandise and services exports during the said period;
- (c) the details of industrial corridors, export parks or Special Economic Zones (SEZs) approved or operational in Kerala;
- (d) whether Government proposes to leverage the operationalisation of Vizhinjam International Seaport to boost export-oriented industries in Kerala, if so, the steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) the assistance provided to MSMEs in Kerala under Central schemes to enhance export competitiveness?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

(SHRI JITIN PRASAD)

(a) The total value of sector-wise exports from Kerala during the last five years is as under:

Export Value (In million USD)					
Commodity Group	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
CARPET	70.19	98.37	72.80	96.36	115.01
CASHEW	205.14	200.64	167.75	163.44	161.02
CERAMIC PRODUCTS AND GLASSWARE	49.71	32.91	47.37	61.59	61.44
CEREAL PREPARATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROCESSED ITEM	61.18	62.67	64.16	80.32	93.45
COFFEE	56.89	93.01	74.62	90.73	69.34
COTTON YARN/FABS./MADEUPS,	51.05	69.52	67.21	72.27	77.66

HANDLOOM PRODUCTS ETC.					
DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS	40.16	29.17	25.26	30.06	29.15
ELECTRONIC GOODS	92.09	91.31	114.46	126.70	158.75
ENGINEERING GOODS	501.23	545.87	552.76	904.50	840.89
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	138.17	138.78	134.79	152.36	179.22
GEMS AND JEWELLERY	289.88	112.11	98.89	173.72	193.52
HANDICRAFTS EXCL. HAND MADE CARPET	10.49	11.60	12.76	6.38	5.09
IRON ORE				0.00	
JUTE MFG. INCLUDING FLOOR COVERING	42.27	47.33	38.06	36.47	41.25
LEATHER AND LEATHER MANUFACTURES	0.38	0.78	1.48	2.13	1.54
MAN-MADE YARN/FABS./MADEUPS ETC.	8.71	11.63	11.80	10.59	11.31
MARINE PRODUCTS	698.23	877.71	1005.67	814.08	753.74
MEAT, DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS	12.76	2.84	3.06	5.90	12.84
MICA, COAL AND OTHER ORES, MINERALS INCLUDING PROCESS	7.47	7.03	8.62	13.17	5.57
OIL MEALS	0.24	0.21	0.74	0.62	1.13
OIL SEEDS	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.18	0.07
ORGANIC AND INORGANIC CHEMICALS	159.85	247.58	239.94	215.26	246.33
OTHER CEREALS	0.71	0.30	0.29	0.36	0.34
OTHERS	296.87	331.90	290.05	279.05	285.41
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	347.14	659.35	452.63	3878.24	228.57
PLASTIC AND LINOLEUM	15.40	16.82	20.42	18.46	20.55
RICE	49.23	42.77	58.02	62.80	130.53
RMG OF ALL TEXTILES	105.75	167.60	147.94	149.06	183.81
SPICES	522.33	581.18	555.34	612.32	738.27
TEA	104.91	92.89	101.45	108.81	120.22
TOBACCO	1.54	3.95	5.84	6.45	6.21

Source: DGCIS

(b) Kerala's merchandise exports and rank in last Five years (US\$ million) are as under:

Year	Merchandise exports	Rank (among Indian states)
2020-21	3,940.06	15
2021-22	4,557.98	15
2022-23	4,374.99	16
2023-24	8,173.34	13
2024-25	4,772.24	12

(c) The details of Industrial Corridors and Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Kerala are as follows:

(i) Palakkad Industrial Area in Kerala (under CBIC Ext.): The Government of India, in August 2024, has approved Palakkad Industrial Area under Chennai–Bengaluru Industrial Corridor (CBIC) Extension for an area admeasuring 1710.37 acres in the state of Kerala for a total Project cost of ₹3,806 crores. Shareholders’ Agreement and State Support Agreement have been executed, and the project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) – Kerala Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Ltd. has been incorporated.

(ii) As on 28.02.2026, 20 SEZs have been notified in the State of Kerala, out of which 19 SEZs are operational. The details of these SEZs are at **Annexure**. The total exports from the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in Kerala during the last five years and the current year are as follows:-

					<i>Rs. in crore</i>
State	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Kerala	19,279	21,972	21,501	25,774	28,800

(d) Operationalisation of Vizhinjam International Seaport reflects India’s focused approach towards building world-class port infrastructure to boost exports.

(e) The assistance provided to MSMEs under Central schemes:

(i) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has established 65 Export Facilitation Centres (EFCs) in its field offices across the country, including 01 in Kerala, namely MSME- Development and Facilitation Office, Thrissur to provide requisite mentoring and handholding support to MSMEs in exporting their products and services. EFCs support MSME exporters by providing comprehensive assistance across key areas. These include the dissemination of information on export-related schemes and benefits, training and workshops on export compliance, handholding in export documentation and procedures, engagement with industry associations, State Governments, and DGFT to facilitate MSMEs.

(ii) The Export Promotion Mission (EPM), approved by the Union Cabinet and implemented by Directorate General of Foreign Trade, provides a comprehensive, digitally driven framework for export promotion with an outlay of ₹25,060 crore (FY 2025–26 to 2030–31). It aims to address key bottlenecks faced by exporters, especially MSMEs, by improving access to affordable trade finance, easing compliance with global standards, and strengthening logistics and institutional support. The Mission represents a shift from fragmented schemes to a unified, outcome-based mechanism. The Mission will operate through two integrated sub-schemes:

1. NIRYAT PROTSAHAN – focuses on improving access to affordable trade finance for MSMEs through a range of instruments such as interest subvention, export factoring, collateral guarantees, credit cards for e-commerce exporters, and credit enhancement support for diversification into new markets.

2. NIRYAT DISHA – focuses on non-financial enablers that enhance market readiness and competitiveness, including export quality and compliance support, assistance for international branding, packaging, and participation in trade fairs, export warehousing and logistics, inland transport reimbursements, and trade intelligence and capacity-building initiatives.

(iii) Under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP), implemented by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), State SPVs allot land to investors, including MSMEs, as per policy, with supportive fiscal measures. They also offer relaxations such as discounts for early investors, flexible lease payments, and differential lease periods.

(iv) Bharat Trade Net (BTN), announced in the Union Budget 2025, is a digital public infrastructure by Directorate General of Foreign Trade under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. It aims to digitise trade documentation, ease compliance, improve access to export finance, and enhance MSME competitiveness through faster, paperless, and globally aligned trade processes.

(v) Strengthening infrastructure through the National Logistics Policy and PM Gati Shakti enhances multimodal connectivity and reduces logistics costs, directly benefiting MSME exporters by easing supply chain bottlenecks.

(vi) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India, under the Department of Commerce, provides credit insurance to exporters against commercial and political risks, enabling especially MSMEs to access global markets with confidence. It also offers Export Credit Insurance for Banks (ECIB), facilitating affordable and adequate export credit.

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (c) of the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3238 for answer on 20.03.2026.

Annexure

List of Notified SEZs in Kerala						
Sl. No.	Name of the Developer	Location	Type of SEZ	Area (hectares)	Date of initial Notification	Remarks
1	Cochin Special Economic Zone	Cochin	Multi Product	41.69	01.11.2000	Operational
2	Infopark	Kakkanad, Ernakulam	IT/ITES	32.6246	28.09. 2006	Operational
3	Cochin Port Trust	Vallapadom, Mulavukadu/Fort Kochi Village, Ernakulam District	Port Based	110.4465	02.11.2006	Operational
4	Cochin Port Trust	Puthuvypeen, Ernakulam District	Port Based	285.8413	02.11.2006	Operational
5	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala	Thiruvanthapuram	IT/ITES	12.55	30.11.2006	Operational
6	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala	Attipura Vill. Taluk & Distt.Thiruvanthapuram	IT/ITES	34.475	13.12.2006	Operational
7	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation. (KINFRA)	Ayiroopara and Kazhakootam Villages, Trivandrum District	IT/ITES	8.098	12.04.2007	Operational
8	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Chelembra Village, Thirurangadi Taluk, Malappuram District	Agro Based Food Processing	10.35	13.06.2007	Operational
9	Kerala Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (KINFRA)	Thrikkakara village, Kanayannur Taluk, Ernakulam District	Electronics Industries	12.141	13.06.2007	Operational
10	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Pallipuram Village, Chertala Taluk, Alappuzha District	IT/ITES	13.0788	08.06.2009	Operational

11	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited	Village Mulavana, District Kollam	IT/ITES	13.5346	19.11.2009	Operational
12	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala (Technopark)	Village Attipra, Taluk and District Thiruvananthapuram	IT/ITES	17.5866	19.11.2009	Operational
13	Uralungal Labour Contract Co-operative Society Limited (ULCCS LTD)	Nellikode Village, Kozhikode District	IT/ITES	5.352	23.02.2010	Operational
14	Sutherland Global Services Private Limited	Village Thrikkakara North, Taluka Kanayannur, District Ernakulam	IT/ITES	10.1175	12.07.2010	Operational
15	Smart City (Kochi) Infrastructure Limited	Village Kakkanad, Taluka Kanayannur, District Ernakulam	IT/ITES	93.9165	01.03.2011	Operational
16	Infoparks Kerala	Village Puthencruz and Kunnathunadu, Taluka Kunnathunadu, District Ernakulam	IT/ITES	41.3064	16.05.2011	Operational
17	Kerala State Information Technology Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL)	Village Pantheerankavu and Nellikode, Taluka Kozhikode, District Kozhikode	IT/ITES	1.7402	27.5.2011	Operational
18	Electronics Technology Parks-Kerala	Village Andoorkonam, Taluk & District Thiruvananthapuram	IT/ITES	7.2597	29.11.2012	Operational
19	Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL)	Village Muringur – Thekkumuri, Mukundapuram Taluk, Koratty Panchayath, Thrissur District	IT/ITES SEZ	2.43	23.06.2014	Operational
20	Parsvnath Infa Ltd	Chengamanad Village of Aluva Taluk, Ernakulam	IT/ITES	17.08	08.04.2013	Yet to be operational