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ANSWERED ON 24/07/2026

OBJECTIVES AND KEY FEATURES OF BHARAT TRADE NET

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

(a) the objectives and key features of BharatTradeNet, particularly about digitisation and integration of India's international trade ecosystem;
(b) the extent of integration of the platform with Customs, logistics providers, banks and other trade facilitation agencies;
(c) the proposed sectoral and geographical coverage of the platform, along with the phased implementation roadmap; and
(d) the planned investment, including the contribution of the Centre and partner agencies, for implementation of BharatTradeNet?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PART (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 75 FOR ANSWER ON July 24, 2026 REGARDING "OBJECTIVES AND KEY FEATURES OF BHARATTRADENET"

(a) to (d) BharatTradeNet (BTN), announced in the Union Budget 2025–26, is envisaged as a digital public infrastructure for international trade aimed at facilitating digitisation of trade documentation, enabling interoperable exchange of trade-related data and supporting efficient delivery of services across India's international trade ecosystem.

The initiative also seeks to establish common standards, digital interfaces and trust frameworks to facilitate secure exchange and cross-border recognition of electronic trade documents through identity management and trust services.

BTN will support interoperability and digital interaction among stakeholders in the international trade ecosystem, including customs authorities, banks, logistics service providers and other trade facilitation agencies, while leveraging their existing digital systems and infrastructure.

By consolidating trade documentation and financing solutions onto a single digital platform and interconnecting key stakeholders BTN will eliminate paper-based procedures, reduce duplication and compliance delays, and enable single-window clearance for exporters and importers. This is expected to lower transaction and logistics costs, shorten turnaround times for trade finance, and thereby enhance the global competitiveness of Indian goods.

For MSMEs in particular, BTN's standardised and transparent data infrastructure will allow financial institutions to assess risk more accurately and extend timely, contextual trade finance, improving credit accessibility for smaller exporters.

As a horizontal digital infrastructure, BharatTradeNet is not envisaged to be sector-or geography-specific and is intended to cater to all sectors and stakeholders of trade ecosystem.

The institutional framework and financial outlay for implementation of BharatTradeNet, including the contribution of the Central Government and other participating entities are under examination and will be finalised duly following the prescribed approval process.

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