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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

Index of Eight Core Industries (Base: 2011-12=100) June, 2019

The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27 per cent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 131.4 in June, 2019, which was 0.2 per cent higher as compared to the index of June, 2018. Its cumulative growth during April to June, 2019-20 was 3.5 per cent.

Coal

Coal production (weight: 10.33 per cent) increased by 3.2 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index increased by 2.7 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over corresponding period of the previous year.

Crude Oil

Crude Oil production (weight: 8.98 per cent) declined by 6.8 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index declined by 6.8 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Natural Gas

The Natural Gas production (weight: 6.88 per cent) declined by 2.1 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index declined by 0.9 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Refinery Products

Petroleum Refinery production (weight: 28.04 per cent) declined by 9.3 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index declined by 2.4 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Fertilizers

Fertilizers production (weight: 2.63 per cent) increased by 1.5 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index declined by 1.1 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Steel

Steel production (weight: 17.92 per cent) increased by 6.9 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index increased by 13.7 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Cement

Cement production (weight: 5.37 per cent) declined by 1.5 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index increased by 1.2 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

Electricity

Electricity generation (weight: 19.85 per cent) increased by 7.3 per cent in June, 2019 over June, 2018. Its cumulative index increased by 6.9 per cent during April to June, 2019-20 over the corresponding period of previous year.

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

India Participates in 8th RCEP Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meeting in Beijing

The Commerce Secretary Dr. Anup Wadhawan led a delegation to the 8th RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial meeting held in Beijing on 2-3 August 2019. During the meeting he highlighted India's contribution in shaping the RCEP negotiations till date. He advocated a spirit of understanding accommodation and flexibility towards reaching balanced outcome in the negotiations. India's concerns regarding market access and other issues leading to imbalanced trade between some of the partner countries was specifically flagged during the meetings.

On the side-lines of the Ministerial meeting, the Commerce Secretary held bilateral meetings with his counterparts from China, Thailand, South Korea, New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, Indonesia, Japan and ASEAN Economic Ministers.

In his meeting with Mr. Wang Shouwen, Vice Minister of Commerce of China, the Commerce Secretary emphasized the importance of an RCEP agreement that would duly address the causes of existing trade imbalances. He used this opportunity to flag bilateral market access related issues on various categories of products in which discussions are ongoing between India and China. He also emphasized the importance of easing the business visas regime of China for Indian business travellers.

In his meeting with Mr. Boonyarit Kalayanamit, Permanent Secretary of Thailand, the Commerce Secretary requested Thailand to improve its offer in goods and services under RCEP. In his meeting with Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Minister for Trade and Industry of Singapore, the Commerce Secretary requested Singapore to support operationalization of the MRA on nursing as agreed in the 2nd CECA review and work towards speedy progress on the 3rd CECA review.

During the meeting with ASEAN Economic Ministers, the Commerce Secretary highlighted the importance of services trade which supports both goods trade and investment. Commerce Secretary also met Mr. Simon Birmingham, Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment of Australia wherein both sides appreciated the progress made under RCEP and the need to move forward on each other's requests including service sector related requests of India. Commerce Secretary requested greater market access for Indian goods and services from Mr. Enggartiasto Lukita, Trade Minister of Indonesia. During his meeting with Ms. Myung Hee Yoo, Minister for Trade, Republic of Korea, Commerce Secretary pushed for concrete measures to improve the India-Korea CEPA and address concerns regarding imbalances. He also asked for early resolution of issues pertaining to market access for India's services sector. The Commerce Secretary also met Mr. S. Tanaka, Vice Minister for International Affairs of Japan and Mr. Damien O' Connor, Minister of State for Trade, New Zealand.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Monthly Review of Accounts of Union Government of India upto the month of June 2019 for the Financial Year 2019-20.

The Monthly Account of the Union Government of India upto the month of June 2019 has been consolidated and reports published.

The highlights are given below:-

The Government of India has received Rs.2,89,650 crore (13.92% of corresponding BE 19-20 of Total Receipts) upto June 2019 comprising Rs. 2,51,411 crore Tax Revenue (Net to Centre), Rs. 33,475 crore of Non Tax Revenue and Rs.4,764 crore of Non Debt Capital Receipts. Non Debt Capital Receipts consists of Recovery of Loans (Rs. 2,407 crore) and Disinvestment Proceeds (Rs. 2,357 crore).

Rs.1,48,631 crore has been transferred to State Governments as Devolution of Share of Taxes by Government of India upto this period which is Rs. 8,896 crore lower than the previous year.

Total Expenditure incurred by Government of India is Rs.7,21,705 crore (25.92% of corresponding BE 19-20), out of which Rs.6,58,705 crore is on Revenue Account and Rs.63,000 crore is on Capital Account. Out of the Total Revenue Expenditure, Rs.1,41,755 crore is on account of Interest Payments and Rs.1,51,824 crore is on account of Major Subsidies.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Change in Tariff Value of Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil, Others – Palm Oil, Crude Palmolein, RBD Palmolein, Others – Palmolein, Crude Soyabean Oil, Brass Scrap (All Grades), Poppy Seeds, Areca Nuts, Gold and Silver Notified

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of section 14 of the Customs Act, 1962 (52 of 1962), the Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs, being satisfied that it is necessary and expedient so to do, hereby makes the following amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated the 3rd August, 2001, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section-3, Sub-section (ii), vide number S. O. 748 (E), dated the 3rd August, 2001, namely:-

In the said notification, for TABLE-1, TABLE-2, and TABLE-3 the following Tables shall be substituted, namely: -

“TABLE-1

Sl. No.	Chapter/ heading/ sub-heading/tariff item	Description of goods	Tariff value (US \$Per Metric Tonne)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	1511 10 00	Crude Palm Oil	502
2	1511 90 10	RBD Palm Oil	532
3	1511 90 90	Others – Palm Oil	517
4	1511 10 00	Crude Palmolein	537
5	1511 90 20	RBD Palmolein	540
6	1511 90 90	Others – Palmolein	539
7	1507 10 00	Crude Soya bean Oil	705
8	7404 00 22	Brass Scrap (all grades)	3524
9	1207 91 00	Poppy seeds	3395

TABLE-2

Sl. No.	Chapter/ heading/ sub-heading/tariff item	Description of goods	Tariff value (US \$)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1.	71 or 98	Gold, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 356 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30.06.2017 is availed	459 per 10 grams
2.	71 or 98	Silver, in any form, in respect of which the benefit of entries at serial number 357 of the Notification No. 50/2017-Customs dated 30.06.2017 is availed	531 per kilogram
3.	71	<p>(i) Silver, in any form, other than medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92;</p> <p>(ii) Medallions and silver coins having silver content not below 99.9% or semi-manufactured forms of silver falling under sub-heading 7106 92, other than imports of such goods through post, courier or baggage.</p> <p>Explanation. - For the purposes of this entry, silver in any form shall not include foreign currency coins, jewellery made of silver or articles made of silver.</p>	531 per kilogram
4.	71	(i) Gold bars, other than tola bars, bearing manufacturer's or refiner's engraved serial number and weight expressed in metric units;	459 per 10 grams

		<p>(ii) Gold coins having gold content not below 99.5% and gold findings, other than imports of such goods through post, courier or baggage.</p> <p>Explanation. - For the purposes of this entry, "gold findings" means a small component such as hook, clasp, clamp, pin, catch, screw back used to hold the whole or a part of a piece of Jewellery in place.</p>	
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TABLE-3

Sl. No.	Chapter/ heading/ sub-heading/tariff item	Description of goods	Tariff value (US \$ Per Metric Tonne)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	080280	Areca nuts	3920"

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

Financial Inclusion - Access to Banking Services - Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA)

Please refer to our [circulars UBD.BPD.Cir.No.5/13.01.000/2012-13 dated August 17, 2012](#) and [RPCD.CO.RRB.RCB.BC.No.24/07.38.01/2012-13 dated August 22, 2012](#) on the captioned subject.

2. The Basic Savings Bank Deposit (BSBD) Account was designed as a savings account which would offer certain minimum facilities, free of charge, to the holders of such accounts. In the interest of better customer service, it has been decided to make certain changes in the facilities associated with the account. Banks are now advised to offer the following basic minimum facilities in the BSBD Account, free of charge, without any requirement of minimum balance.

- (i) Deposit of cash at bank branch as well as ATMs/CDMs
- (ii) Receipt/ credit of money through any electronic channel or by means of deposit /collection of cheques drawn by Central/State Government agencies and departments
- (iii) No limit on number and value of deposits that can be made in a month
- (iv) Minimum of four withdrawals in a month, including ATM withdrawal
- (v) ATM Card or ATM-cum-Debit Card

The BSBD Account shall be considered a normal banking service available to all.

3. Banks are free to provide additional value-added services, including issue of cheque book, beyond the above minimum facilities, which may/may not be priced (in a non-discriminatory manner) subject to disclosure. The availment of such additional services shall be at the option of the customers. However, while offering such additional services, banks shall not require the customer to maintain a minimum balance. Offering such additional services will not make it a non-BSBD Account, so long as the prescribed minimum services are provided free of charge.

4. The holders of BSBD Account will not be eligible for opening any other savings bank deposit account in that bank. If a customer has any existing savings bank deposit account in that bank, he/she will be required to close it within 30 days from the date of opening a BSBD Account. Further, before opening a BSBD account, the bank should obtain a declaration from the customer that he/she is not having a BSBD account in any other bank.

5. The BSBD Account shall be subject to RBI instructions on KYC/AML for opening of bank accounts issued vide [Master Direction DBR.AML.BC.No.81/14.01.001/2015-16 dated February 25, 2016](#) on 'Master Direction - Know Your Customer (KYC) Direction, 2016', as amended from time to time.

6. The instructions issued on free transactions available for normal savings bank account in own-bank/other bank ATMs vide [circulars DPSS. CO.PD.No.316/02.10.002/2014-2015 dated August 14, 2014](#) and [DPSS. CO.PD.No.659/02.10.002/2014-2015 dated October 10, 2014](#) are not applicable to BSBD accounts. The minimum free withdrawals available to the BSBD Account holders can be made at all ATMs (own-bank/other bank ATMs).

7. This circular supersedes earlier instructions issued vide [circulars UBD. BPD. Cir. No. 5/13.01.000/2012-13 dated August 17, 2012](#) and [RPCD. CO. RRB. RCB. BC. No. 24/07.38.01/2012-13 dated August 22, 2012](#) on 'Financial Inclusion-Access to Banking Services–Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account' and [UBD. BPD. \(PCB\) Cir No.35/13.01.000/2013-14 dated October 31, 2013](#) and [RPCD.RRB.RCB.AML.BC No.36/07.51.018/2013-14 dated September 17, 2013](#) on 'Financial Inclusion- Access to Banking Services – Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) – FAQs'.

8. These instructions will come into force with effect from September 1, 2019. Banks are advised to frame Board approved policy / operational guidelines in this regard.

Yours faithfully,

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