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Overview

Role and Functions of the Directorate

The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCIS), Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, Kolkata is responsible for collection, compilation and dissemination of India's merchandise trade statistics and commercial information. The merchandise export and import trade data are processed and published by this Directorate on monthly basis for formulating various trade policies of the Governments (both Central and States) and for the users from all walks of life like trade organizations, boards and bodies, institutions, private users, Foreign and Indian Embassies, UN Bodies, etc. The DGCIS also compiles and publishes the Inland Trade Statistics inter alia Inter-State Movements of Goods by Rail, River and Air; Inland Coastal Trade Statistics; Statistics of India's Customs and Excise Revenue Collection according to Tariff Heads; Shipping Statistics and Selected Statistics of Foreign Trade of India. The Indian Trade Journal (ITJ), a weekly publication of DGCIS, is a repository material of commercial interest as well as a major channel for flow of information on tenders at the National and International level is being published by DGCIS since 05th April 1906 without any break. The website of DGCIS, namely www.dgciskol.gov.in provides various information relating to trade. There is another website namely, www.itj.gov.in provides services related to Indian trade journal.

Highlights of Performance

Foreign Trade Statistics

Based on export and import transaction during a month, Quick Estimates on exports and imports by major PC groups and a Press Note on that are released by 10th or so of the next month by the Department of Commerce. Thereafter, Provisional Commodity Group by Country Level Brochure data on exports and imports for a month is released by the end of the next month. The 8-digit commodity level data for the month are released within a time period of two months. The quarterly publication, namely, Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by Countries is published after release of 8-digit level data for the months pertaining to the quarter.

Ancillary Trade Statistics

The publication 'Inter-State Movements/Flows of Goods by Rail, River and Air' has been published for 2011-12. Other publications such as 'Selected Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India – 2009-10', 'Statistics of the Inland Coasting Trade Consignments of India – 2010-11' and 'Statistics of Foreign and Coastal Cargo Movements of India – 2009-10' have been completed. The processing of Inland Trade data is done by the in-house SWs and by a module that has been developed to integrate the processing of all Ancillary Trade Statistics in one module.

Importers'/Exporters' Directory

The work relating to Importers'/Exporters' Directory is in progress.

Commercial Library

The Commercial Library is in the process of retro-conversion & computerization. Preparation of database of library books, periodicals and Gazette of India Notifications under the upgraded Libsys Software-7 is in progress. The process of digitization of the collection of rare books and valuable documents of the Commercial Library is in place and the rare books and documents of Commercial Library have been identified.

Indian Trade Journal

A separate website for the Indian Trade Journal www.itj.gov.in has been launched during 2011-12 to enable the users to view it online.

Dissemination Software

To disseminate data to the users as per their requirements, a generalized dissemination software package has been developed. This package benefits the officials of DGCIS to easily run the query and gets the data extracted and disseminates the information.

Pay Package

The Accounts Section has been computerized in 2010-11 and a comprehensive RDBMS Pay Package in Oracle is being used for salary of the officials since April 2010. The package facilitates among other things, the Monthly Pay Slips of all the employees, their GPF details, Income Tax deduction position etc.

DGCIS Office Building

Since its inception in 1871, DGCIS was functioning from 1, Council House Street, Kolkata – 700001. However, DGCIS office has been shifted to its own new building at 565 Anandapur, Ward – 108, Plot – 22, Sector – 1, East Calcutta Area Development Project, Kolkata – 700107 since Oct. 2010 and is functioning from new office building in full fledged from Feb. 2011. A portion of Commercial Library, namely the Gazette section has been kept in the old premises for the benefit of the users.

Data Revision Policy

From April 2009 onwards DGCIS has been following a dynamic data revision policy by which while releasing the data of a particular month, the data of the previous months of the financial year will also be revised by taking into account the late receipted data. The revisions take place dynamically over the months of a FY till the March data is finalized and released. Such revisions are reflected in the cumulative figures of the Brochure and MSFTI publications.