

**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY****DEMAND NO. 12****Department of Commerce**

A. The Budget allocations, net of recoveries, are given below:

*(In crores of Rupees)*

| Major Head   | Budget 2004-2005 |                |                | Revised 2004-2005 |                |                | Budget 2005-2006 |                |                |        |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|
|  | Plan             | Non-Plan       | Total          | Plan              | Non-Plan       | Total          | Plan             | Non-Plan       | Total          |        |
| Revenue  | 561.25           | 1250.00        | 1811.25        | 424.00            | 1250.00        | 1674.00        | 744.00           | 1070.00        | 1814.00        |        |
| Capital  | 526.00           | ...            | 526.00         | 526.00            | ...            | 526.00         | 606.00           | ...            | 606.00         |        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>1087.25</b>   | <b>1250.00</b> | <b>2337.25</b> | <b>950.00</b>     | <b>1250.00</b> | <b>2200.00</b> | <b>1350.00</b>   | <b>1070.00</b> | <b>2420.00</b> |        |
| 1. Secretariat-Economic Services   | 3451             | ...            | 29.65          | 29.65             | ...            | 31.30          | 31.30            | ...            | 36.35          | 36.35  |
| <i>Foreign Trade and Export Promotion</i>  |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |        |
| 2. Trade Commissioners   | 3453             | ...            | 73.00          | 73.00             | ...            | 75.00          | 75.00            | ...            | 80.00          | 80.00  |
| 3. Director General Foreign Trade  | 3453             | ...            | 40.50          | 40.50             | ...            | 39.00          | 39.00            | ...            | 40.97          | 40.97  |
| 4. <i>Assistance for Export Promotion and Market Development</i>                   |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |        |
| 4.01 Export Subsidy  | 3453             | ...            | 676.27         | 676.27            | ...            | 686.22         | 686.22           | ...            | 661.07         | 661.07 |
| 4.02 Grants-in-aid to Export Promotion and Market Development Organisation         | 3453             | ...            | 55.00          | 55.00             | ...            | 55.00          | 55.00            | ...            | 55.00          | 55.00  |
| 4.03 Food Grain Export Subsidy   | 3453             | ...            | 0.01           | 0.01              | ...            | 0.01           | 0.01             | ...            | 0.01           | 0.01   |
| <i>Total</i>   | <i>...</i>       | <i>731.28</i>  | <i>731.28</i>  | <i>...</i>        | <i>741.23</i>  | <i>741.23</i>  | <i>...</i>       | <i>716.08</i>  | <i>716.08</i>  |        |
| 5. <i>Development of Free Trade/Export Processing Zones/Special Economic Zones</i> |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |        |
| 5.01 Kandla - SEZ  | 3453             | ...            | 3.52           | 3.52              | ...            | 3.35           | 3.35             | ...            | 3.90           | 3.90   |
| 5.02 Electronics (SEEPZ) - SEZ   | 3453             | ...            | 6.05           | 6.05              | ...            | 4.71           | 4.71             | ...            | 4.90           | 4.90   |
| 5.03 Falta   | 3453             | ...            | 1.88           | 1.88              | ...            | 1.75           | 1.75             | ...            | 2.06           | 2.06   |
| 5.04 Chennai   | 3453             | ...            | 3.86           | 3.86              | ...            | 3.58           | 3.58             | ...            | 4.05           | 4.05   |
| 5.05 Cochin - SEZ  | 3453             | ...            | 2.44           | 2.44              | ...            | 2.35           | 2.35             | ...            | 2.78           | 2.78   |
| 5.06 Noida   | 3453             | ...            | 3.93           | 3.93              | ...            | 4.39           | 4.39             | ...            | 5.00           | 5.00   |
| 5.07 Visakhapatnam   | 3453             | ...            | 2.18           | 2.18              | ...            | 2.03           | 2.03             | ...            | 2.43           | 2.43   |
| 5.08 Indore SEZ  | 3453             | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40              | ...            | 0.38           | 0.38             | ...            | 0.50           | 0.50   |
| 5.09 Jaipur SEZ  | 3453             | ...            | 0.37           | 0.37              | ...            | 0.34           | 0.34             | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40   |
| 5.10 Manikanchan SEZ Kolkata   | 3453             | ...            | 0.37           | 0.37              | ...            | 0.31           | 0.31             | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40   |
| 5.11 Muradabad SEZ   | 3453             | ...            | 0.37           | 0.37              | ...            | 0.25           | 0.25             | ...            | 0.35           | 0.35   |
| 5.12 Maha-Mumbai SEZ   | 3453             | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40              | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40   |
| 5.13 Jodhpur SEZ   | 3453             | ...            | 0.37           | 0.37              | ...            | 0.25           | 0.25             | ...            | 0.30           | 0.30   |
| 5.14 Investment in ECGC  | 5465             | 100.00         | ...            | 100.00            | 100.00         | ...            | 100.00           | 100.00         | ...            | 100.00 |
| 5.15 National Export Insurance Account   | 3453             | ...            | ...            | ...               | ...            | ...            | ...              | 200.00         | ...            | 200.00 |
| 5.16 Indian Institute of Foreign Trade   | 3453             | ...            | 1.75           | 1.75              | ...            | 1.00           | 1.00             | ...            | 1.00           | 1.00   |
| <i>Total</i>   | <i>100.00</i>    | <i>27.89</i>   | <i>127.89</i>  | <i>100.00</i>     | <i>24.69</i>   | <i>124.69</i>  | <i>300.00</i>    | <i>28.47</i>   | <i>328.47</i>  |        |
| 6. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.          | 3453             | 53.00          | 2.00           | 55.00             | 45.00          | 0.65           | 45.65            | 55.00          | ...            | 55.00  |
| 7. Marine Products Export Development Authority                                    | 3453             | 52.00          | 4.00           | 56.00             | 44.00          | 1.33           | 45.33            | 54.00          | 4.50           | 58.50  |
| 8. <i>Other Schemes of Foreign Trade and Export Promotion</i>                      |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |        |
| 8.01 Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics                 | 3453             | ...            | 10.84          | 10.84             | ...            | 10.97          | 10.97            | ...            | 11.25          | 11.25  |
| 8.02 Export Promotion Quality Control and Inspection                               |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |        |
| 8.02.01 Quality Council of India   | 3453             | 0.15           | ...            | 0.15              | 0.15           | ...            | 0.15             | 0.15           | ...            | 0.15   |
| 8.02.02 Export Inspection Council  | 3453             | 5.89           | 0.01           | 5.90              | 4.59           | ...            | 4.59             | 4.50           | ...            | 4.50   |
| 8.02.03 EAN - India  | 3453             | 0.41           | ...            | 0.41              | 0.35           | ...            | 0.35             | 0.01           | ...            | 0.01   |
| 8.02.04 Market Access Initiatives - Export Studies                                 | 3453             | 102.24         | ...            | 102.24            | 5.00           | ...            | 5.00             | 40.00          | ...            | 40.00  |
| 8.02.05 Centre for WTO Studies   | 3453             | 1.00           | ...            | 1.00              | 1.00           | ...            | 1.00             | 1.20           | ...            | 1.20   |
| 8.02.06 Assistance to Institutions   | 3453             | 13.55          | ...            | 13.55             | 6.65           | ...            | 6.65             | 4.83           | ...            | 4.83   |
| 8.02.07 Modernisation and Upgradation  | 5453             | 5.00           | ...            | 5.00              | 3.00           | ...            | 3.00             | 4.00           | ...            | 4.00   |
| <i>Total</i>   | <i>6.00</i>      | <i>...</i>     | <i>6.00</i>    | <i>4.00</i>       | <i>...</i>     | <i>4.00</i>    | <i>10.00</i>     | <i>...</i>     | <i>10.00</i>   |        |
| 8.02.08 Footwear Design and Development Institute                                  | 3453             | 1.00           | ...            | 1.00              | 1.00           | ...            | 1.00             | 1.00           | ...            | 1.00   |
| 8.03 Contributions to International Organisations                                  | 3453             | ...            | 7.00           | 7.00              | ...            | 7.00           | 7.00             | ...            | 9.90           | 9.90   |

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|---|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|   | Plan             | Non-Plan       | Total          | Plan              | Non-Plan       | Total          | Plan             | Non-Plan       | Total          |                |
| 8.04 International Conferences  | 3453             | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40              | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40             | ...            | 0.40           | 0.40           |
| 8.05 Scheme for Central Assistance to the States for developing export infrastructure and other allied activities | 5453             | 385.00         | ...            | 385.00            | 385.00         | ...            | 385.00           | 450.00         | ...            | 450.00         |
| 8.07 Others   | 3453             | ...            | 2.51           | 2.51              | ...            | 1.62           | 1.62             | ...            | 2.00           | 2.00           |
| <i>Total</i>  |                  | <i>515.24</i>  | <i>20.76</i>   | <i>536.00</i>     | <i>407.74</i>  | <i>19.99</i>   | <i>427.73</i>    | <i>511.69</i>  | <i>23.55</i>   | <i>535.24</i>  |
| <i>Total-Foreign Trade and Export Promotion</i>   |                  | <i>720.24</i>  | <i>899.43</i>  | <i>1619.67</i>    | <i>596.74</i>  | <i>901.89</i>  | <i>1498.63</i>   | <i>920.69</i>  | <i>893.57</i>  | <i>1814.26</i> |
| <b>Plantations</b>  |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| <b>9. Commodity Boards</b>  |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| 9.01 Tea Board  | 2407             | 54.93          | 16.00          | 70.93             | 54.93          | 16.00          | 70.93            | 35.00          | 18.00          | 53.00          |
| 9.02 Rubber Board   | 2407             | 70.60          | 11.00          | 81.60             | 70.60          | 10.00          | 80.60            | 75.00          | 12.00          | 87.00          |
| 9.03 Coffee Board   | 2407             | 51.00          | 13.00          | 64.00             | 46.00          | 13.00          | 59.00            | 53.00          | 13.50          | 66.50          |
| 9.04 Spices Board   | 2407             | 21.00          | 3.20           | 24.20             | 21.00          | 1.07           | 22.07            | 26.00          | 1.00           | 27.00          |
| 9.05 Cashew E.P.C.  | 2407             | 1.00           | ...            | 1.00              | 0.75           | ...            | 0.75             | 0.01           | ...            | 0.01           |
| <i>Total-Commodity Boards</i>   |                  | <i>198.53</i>  | <i>43.20</i>   | <i>241.73</i>     | <i>193.28</i>  | <i>40.07</i>   | <i>233.35</i>    | <i>189.01</i>  | <i>44.50</i>   | <i>233.51</i>  |
| <b>10. Other Schemes of Plantations</b>   |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| 10.01 Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)  | 2407             | ...            | 234.13         | 234.13            | ...            | 234.13         | 234.13           | ...            | 50.18          | 50.18          |
| 10.01.01 Payment to PSF Trust - Price Stabilisation Fund Scheme   |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| From  | 2407             | ...            | 2.08           | 2.08              | ...            | 1.75           | 1.75             | ...            | 2.75           | 2.75           |
| To  | 2407             | ...            | -2.08          | -2.08             | ...            | -1.75          | -1.75            | ...            | -2.75          | -2.75          |
| Net   |                  | ...            | ...            | ...               | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| 10.02 Tea Plantations   | 2407             | 58.50          | ...            | 58.50             | 51.50          | ...            | 51.50            | 103.00         | ...            | 103.00         |
| 10.02.01 Payment to Teaboard under Development Fund for Tea Sector  |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| From  | 2407             | ...            | ...            | ...               | ...            | ...            | ...              | 50.00          | ...            | 50.00          |
| To  | 2407             | ...            | ...            | ...               | ...            | ...            | ...              | -50.00         | ...            | -50.00         |
| Net   |                  | ...            | ...            | ...               | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| <i>Total-Other Schemes of Plantations</i>   |                  | <i>58.50</i>   | <i>234.13</i>  | <i>292.63</i>     | <i>51.50</i>   | <i>234.13</i>  | <i>285.63</i>    | <i>103.00</i>  | <i>50.18</i>   | <i>153.18</i>  |
| <i>Total-Plantations</i>  |                  | <i>257.03</i>  | <i>277.33</i>  | <i>534.36</i>     | <i>244.78</i>  | <i>274.20</i>  | <i>518.98</i>    | <i>292.01</i>  | <i>94.68</i>   | <i>386.69</i>  |
| <b>11. Lumpsum provision for NER &amp; Sikkim</b>   |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| <b>Export Development Fund for North East Region</b>  |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| 11.01 Schemes for Assistance to States for Development of Infrastructure and other Allied Activities              | 4552             | 40.00          | ...            | 40.00             | 40.00          | ...            | 40.00            | 50.00          | ...            | 50.00          |
|   | 2552             | ...            | ...            | ...               | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| 11.02 Tea   | 2552             | 38.32          | ...            | 38.32             | 38.32          | ...            | 38.32            | 40.00          | ...            | 40.00          |
| 11.03 Rubber  | 2552             | 19.40          | ...            | 19.40             | 19.40          | ...            | 19.40            | 20.00          | ...            | 20.00          |
| 11.04 Coffee  | 2552             | 4.00           | ...            | 4.00              | 4.00           | ...            | 4.00             | 5.00           | ...            | 5.00           |
| 11.05 Spices  | 2552             | 4.00           | ...            | 4.00              | 4.00           | ...            | 4.00             | 4.00           | ...            | 4.00           |
| 11.06 Tea Plantation  | 2552             | 1.50           | ...            | 1.50              | 1.50           | ...            | 1.50             | 17.00          | ...            | 17.00          |
| 11.07 Indian Institute of Packaging   | 2552             | 1.50           | ...            | 1.50              | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| <i>Total</i>  |                  | <i>108.72</i>  | ...            | <i>108.72</i>     | <i>107.22</i>  | ...            | <i>107.22</i>    | <i>136.00</i>  | ...            | <i>136.00</i>  |
| <b>Supplies and Disposals</b>   |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| 12. D.G.S. & D  | 2057             | 1.26           | 43.59          | 44.85             | 1.26           | 42.61          | 43.87            | 1.30           | 45.40          | 46.70          |
| <b>Grand Total</b>  |                  | <b>1087.25</b> | <b>1250.00</b> | <b>2337.25</b>    | <b>950.00</b>  | <b>1250.00</b> | <b>2200.00</b>   | <b>1350.00</b> | <b>1070.00</b> | <b>2420.00</b> |
| <b>B. Investment in Public Enterprises</b>  |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| Head of Dev.  |                  | Budget Support | I.E.B.R        | Total             | Budget Support | I.E.B.R        | Total            | Budget Support | I.E.B.R        | Total          |
| 1. Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation  | 13465            | 100.00         | ...            | 100.00            | 100.00         | ...            | 100.00           | 100.00         | ...            | 100.00         |
| 2. Other institutions/bodies - Commodity Boards etc.  | 12401            | ...            | 2.50           | 2.50              | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| 3. Plantations  | 12407            | ...            | 8.20           | 8.20              | ...            | 1.60           | 1.60             | ...            | 1.60           | 1.60           |
| 4. Foreign Trade and Export Promotion   | 13453            | ...            | 3.50           | 3.50              | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| <i>Total - Other Institutions/bodies - Commodity Boards etc</i>   |                  | ...            | <i>14.20</i>   | <i>14.20</i>      | ...            | <i>1.60</i>    | <i>1.60</i>      | ...            | <i>1.60</i>    | <i>1.60</i>    |
| <b>Total</b>  |                  | <b>100.00</b>  | <b>14.20</b>   | <b>114.20</b>     | <b>100.00</b>  | <b>1.60</b>    | <b>101.60</b>    | <b>100.00</b>  | <b>1.60</b>    | <b>101.60</b>  |
| <b>C. Plan Outlay:-</b>   |                  |                |                |                   |                |                |                  |                |                |                |
| 1. Foreign Trade and Export Promotion   | 13453            | 720.24         | 3.50           | 723.74            | 596.74         | ...            | 596.74           | 920.69         | ...            | 920.69         |
| 2. Plantations  | 12407            | 257.03         | 8.20           | 265.23            | 244.78         | 1.60           | 246.38           | 292.01         | 1.60           | 293.61         |
| 3. Crop Husbandry   | 12401            | ...            | 2.50           | 2.50              | ...            | ...            | ...              | ...            | ...            | ...            |
| 4. Supplies and Disposals   | 32057            | 1.26           | ...            | 1.26              | 1.26           | ...            | 1.26             | 1.30           | ...            | 1.30           |
| 5. North Eastern Areas  | 22552            | 108.72         | ...            | 108.72            | 107.22         | ...            | 107.22           | 136.00         | ...            | 136.00         |
| <b>Total</b>  |                  | <b>1087.25</b> | <b>14.20</b>   | <b>1101.45</b>    | <b>950.00</b>  | <b>1.60</b>    | <b>951.60</b>    | <b>1350.00</b> | <b>1.60</b>    | <b>1351.60</b> |

**1. Secretariat- Economic Services:-** The Department formulates policies in the sphere of foreign trade. Its responsibilities also extend to matters relating to multilateral and bilateral commercial relations, state trading, export promotion measures and development and regulation of export oriented industries and commodities. The provision is for secretariat expenditure of the Department.

**2. Trade Commissioners:-** There are 66 Commercial Offices functioning in the Indian Missions abroad. The Commercial Offices abroad, provide the institutional framework and are meant to promote India's trade and economic exchanges with the world. The primary task of these wings is to assist the Government in formulation of its trade and economic policies through regular feed back on the prevailing global market trends, trade activities etc. The provision is for establishment related expenses of these commercial offices.

**3. Directorate General Foreign Trade (DGFT)-** The provision is for the administrative expenditure of the headquarter of the O/o DGFT and its 32 regional offices. This Directorate is responsible for execution of the Exim Policy for promotion of exports. In addition, it also looks after the work relating to issue of licenses and monitoring of export obligations etc.

**4. Assistance for Export Promotion and Market Development:-** The provision is for deemed exports benefits (duty drawbacks and refund of terminal excise duty). This provision also includes payment of grants to Export Promotion Councils and other institutions for specific export promotion schemes like "Focus LAC", "Focus Africa", "Focus-ASEAN+2" & "Focus-CIS" Programmes etc.

**5. Development of Free Trade/Special Economic Zones (SEZ):-** (i) The provision is mainly for administrative expenditure of the Special Economic Zones (SEZs), set up as enclaves separated from domestic tariff areas and are intended to provide a duty free environment for export promotion.

The Special Economic Zones are responsible for administration of the Export Oriented Units located within the Zone.

(ii) **Investment in ECGC:-** The primary objective of the Corporation is to support the country's exports by providing a range of insurance covers to Indian Exporters against the risk of non-realization of export proceeds due to commercial or political causes; and different type of guarantees to Banks and other financial institutions to enable them to extend credit facilities to exporters.

The paid up capital of the Corporation is Rs. 500.00 as on 31.3.2004. It is proposed to be increased to Rs. 800.00 crore during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Rs. 100.00 crore is provided in the year 2004-05 and 2005-06 for this purpose.

(iii) **National Export Insurance Account (NEIA):-** The National Export Insurance Account (NEIA) will ensure the availability of credit risk cover for projects and other high value exports, which are desirable from the point of view of national interest. To the extent reinsurance is available from either the General Insurance Corporation (the "National Reinsurer") or any other reinsurer, no assistance will be sought from NEIA. If reinsurance is available only partially for a project, assistance will be sought from the Fund only for that portion which is not covered by reinsurance.

(iv) **Assistance to Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).** IIFT was established in 1964 with the objective to strengthen the country's external trade sector through Human Resource Development. The Institute was accorded status of Deemed University in May, 2002. The Institute has been imparting training in foreign trade management in the country besides undertaking research and consultancy in various areas of International Trade. The provision is Grant-in-Aid for administrative expenses of the Institute.

Website: <http://indiabudget.nic.in>

**6. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA):-** The APEDA was set up by an Act of Parliament in 1986 and is engaged in other agro based products. The Provision is for payment to APEDA for development and promotion of exports.

**7. Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)-** MPEDA was set up in 1972 and is responsible for development of the Marine products industry with special reference to exports, regulation of offshore and deep-sea fishing and registration of fishing vessels, processing plants, exporters. The provision is for the administrative development, and promotional activities of MPEDA.

**8. Other Schemes of Foreign Trade and Export Promotion:-**

**a. Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics:-** This Directorate is responsible for collection, compilation and publication of the foreign, inland and ancillary trade statistics and for the dissemination of commercial information. This Directorate publishes trade statistics, which have a wide variety of applications. The DGCI&S maintains a commercial library for the use of the traders, exporters, importers, research scholars, Govt. and semi govt. agencies etc.

**b. Quality Council of India:-** The provision is for contribution from the Department to the Council for their activities and objectives.

**c. Export Inspection Council (EIC):-** EIC was set up under Section 3 of the Export (Quality Control & Inspection) Act, 1963. The main functions of EIC are to advise the Central Govt. in measures to be taken for improvement of quality control and inspection of commodities intended for export. The provision is to implement the Plan Schemes namely; "Export Promotion, Quality Control, HRD and buildings for EIC/EIAs labs".

**d. EAN India:-** This body is working in the field of Bar coding. The provision is for organizing seminars/workshop, training etc. in the field of Bar-coding.

**e. Market Access Initiative (MAI):-** This scheme was introduced in the last year of Ninth Five Year Plan and the modified scheme was approved by the Govt. in December, 2003 to act as a catalyst to promote India's exports on sustained basis. The scheme is devised to evolve specific strategy for market and products specific Studies/Surveys.

**f. Center for WTO Studies:-** The Assistance to the center is for running expenses of the Centre.

**g. Assistance to Institutions:-** The provision is for expenditure of Indian Institute of Foreign Trade and Indian Institute of Packaging which are implementing the Central Sector Plan Schemes as approved by the Govt. for the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan (2002-07).

**h. Modernization and Upgradation:-** The Scheme provides for Upgradation of computers in the DGFT and construction of office building for the DGCI&S at Kolkatta.

**i. Footwear Design & Development Institute:-** The assistance mainly is for the construction of Integrated Display Centre.

**j. Contribution to International Organisations:-** The Govt. is a member of the International organisations like World Trade Organization, International Coffee Organization, International Pepper Community, International Trade Centre, Common Fund for Commodities etc.

**k. Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and other Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme:-** This Scheme was started in March 2002 and continued during the 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. The outlay of this scheme has two

components. 80% of the funds is earmarked for allocation to States. The Balance 20% is retained at the central level for meeting the requirement of inter-state projects.

**I. Others:-** includes expenditure for the administrative expenses of the Custodian of Enemy Property and the expenditure on foreign delegations.

**9 (i) Tea Board:-** Tea Board was set up under the Tea Act 1953. The primary function of the Tea Board is to render financial and technical assistance for cultivation, manufacture, marketing, export promotion and aiding R&D activities for augmentation of tea production and improvement of tea quality.

(ii) **Rubber Board:-** Rubber Board was set up under the Rubber Board Act. 1947. The primary function of the Board relates to promotion, development and encouraging scientific, technical and economic research; supply technical advice to rubber growers; train growers in improved methods of planting, cultivation, managing and collection of statistics.

(iii) **Coffee Board:-** Coffee Board was set up under the Coffee Act 1942. The main function of the Board relates to undertaking programmes and projects for the growth and development of Coffee industry; promotion of coffee export; R&D activities to increase productivity; evolving pest resistant coffee varieties with suitable package of practices and to take measures for improvement in quality of coffee.

(iv) **Spices Board:-** The Spices Board was set up under Section (1) of The Spices Board Act. 1986. The primary functions of the Board relate to increasing the production and productivity of spices crop improvement through selection/hybridization for evolving new varieties, assisting exporters in setting up in house laboratories and assisting Govt. in the development of National quality standards on spices.

(v) **Cashew EPC:-** The Govt. provides financial assistance to the council to implement the central sector scheme "Integrated Scheme for Cashew Quality".

**a. Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF):-** Govt. has approved the setting up of a Price Stabilisation Fund for the benefit of 3.42 lakh growers of tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco, with a corpus of Rs. 500 cr. The objective of the PSF is to provide relief to the growers when the prices of the Commodities fall below a specified level, without resorting to the practice of procurement operation by the Govt. agencies.

**11. Lump-sum provision for NER & Sikkim:-** The provision has been made for projects/schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Region & Sikkim as per govt. guidelines.

**12. Supplies & Disposals:-** This Directorate is for finalization of Rate Contracts for Common user items, procurement, inspection, shipment and clearance of stores. The provision is for administrative expenditure of the DGS&D and its regional offices.