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Overview

Role and Functions of the Directorate

The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics (DGCI&S), 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 trade data for exports and imports are processed and published by this Directorate on monthly basis for formulating various trade policies of the Government and for the users from all walks of life like trade organizations, boards and bodies, institutions, private users, Foreign and Indian Embassies etc. The DGCI&S 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. Another publication namely, the Indian Trade Journal (ITJ), a weekly publication of DGCI&S, 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 since 05th April 1906 without any break. The commercial Library of DGCI&S, which will soon be completing 100 years, serves a vast clientele.

The website of DGCI&S is www.dgciskol.gov.in. Various trade related information is disseminated through the website of DGCI&S.

Highlights of Performance

Foreign Trade Statistics

The press note for the month of July 2010 has been released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. Provisional data in Brochure form (SFTI) has been released up to May 2010 and final data (MSFTI) has been released up to April 2010. The Quarterly publication namely, Statistics of Foreign Trade of India by countries (Vol. I – Export, Vol. II – Import) have been published up to the quarter ending March 2010.

Ancillary Trade Statistics

The publication 'Inter-State Movements / Flows of Goods by Rail, River and Air' has been published for 2008-09. Finalisation of other publications entitled 'Selected Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India- 2007-08', 'Statistics of the Inland Coasting Trade Consignments of India – 2007-08' and 'Statistics of Foreign and Coastal Cargo Movements of India - 2007-08' are in progress and are expected to be published very soon.

Import/Export Directory

The works relating to the 27th edition of the 'Directory of Indian Exporters' and the 3rd edition of the 'Directory of Indian Importers' are in progress.

Commercial Library

The Commercial Library is in the process of computerising its service by introducing LIBSYS software-7 in the Library. Efforts are also being made to digitize the rare books and documents for effective preservation.

Indian Trade Journal

Efforts have been made to launch a separate website for the Indian Trade Journal so as to enable the users to view it online. This website is likely to be operational very soon.

Computerisation of Ancillary Trade Statistics

The Inland Trade branch publication "Inter-state movements/flows of goods by Rail, River and Air" is one of the oldest publications of DGCI&S. The processing of data in this branch is done by the in-house SWs after the branch was computerized in June 2008. For other branches of Ancillary Trade Statistics, efforts are being made to integrate the processing of all Ancillary Trade Statistics in one module, the modalities of which is being worked out.

Dissemination Software

To disseminate data to the users as per their requirements, a generalized dissemination software package has been developed. This package will benefit the officials of DGCI&S to easily run the query and get the data extracted. The package is a generalized one.

Pay Package

The Establishment section – II, i.e. the Accounts Section has been computerized in 2010-11 and a comprehensive Pay Package in Oracle has been developed. The package is being used for smooth and easy dispose of details to the officials about their pay details. It facilitates among other things, the Monthly Pay Slips of all the employees, their GPF details, Income Tax deduction position etc. The package has been made effective from April 2010.

DGCI&S Office Building

Since its inception in 1871, DGCI&S has been functioning from 1, Council House Street, Kolkata – 700001. However, DGCI&S office will be shifted shortly to its own new building at 565, Anandapur, Ward – 108, Plot – 22, Sector – I, East Calcutta Area Development Project, Kolkata and is expected to function from new office building by mid-October 2010.

Data Revision Policy

From April 2009 onwards DGCI&S 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 received data. The revisions take place at the stage of Press Note, FTSI and MSFTI till data for the month of March is finalized and released. As the two data sets are getting continuously updated/ revised every month and data for a particular month is released at different points of time, the provisional data of Principal Commodities and the 8-digit ITC (HS) commodity level data may not always tally until the two data sets are frozen at the end of the financial year. The data for April-March after it is frozen at 8-digit ITC (HS) commodity level will be the final figures for the respective month.