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Ministry of Commerce & Industry

Department of Commerce Amends Guidelines of Four Interventions under Export Promotion Mission to Enhance Support for Exporters

18th November 2026 by PIB Delhi

The Department of Commerce has amended the guidelines of four interventions under the Niryat Disha sub-scheme of Export Promotion Mission (EPM) on 17 November 2026 to enhance support for exporters and broaden participation. These interventions are Market Access Support (MAS), Trade Regulations, Accreditation & Compliance Enablement (TRACE), and Logistics Interventions for Freight and Transport (LIFT).

The MAS intervention aims to strengthen India's export market access through structured support for activities such as Buyer-Seller Meets (BSMs), Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets (RBSMs), trade fairs, exhibitions and other related market access initiatives.

The amended guidelines provide for the following changes:

- The maximum eligible export turnover for availing airfare reimbursement for participation in Buyer-Seller Meets, trade fairs and trade delegations has been increased from ₹75 lakh in the preceding year to ₹50 crore.
- Airfare reimbursement has been enhanced to upto 95% for Micro and Small Exporters and up to 80% for other eligible exporters.
- The mandatory membership period with Export Promotion Councils has been reduced from six months to three months.

The TRACE intervention provides support to MSMEs in meeting internationally recognisedquality, safety and technical requirements applicable in overseas markets. The support covers compliance- and quality-related certifications, as well as other mandatory and voluntary conformity-assessment requirements.

Under the amended guidelines, the list of certificates eligible for reimbursement has been expanded from 462 to 600, enabling wider coverage and greater support for MSMEs in meeting international quality, safety and technical requirements.

The LIFT intervention seeks to address geographical disadvantages and logistics gaps faced by MSMEs in low export-intensity areas by providing support to reduce freight and transportation costs arising from locational challenges.

The amended guidelines provide for the following changes:

- The coverage of low export-intensity districts has been expanded from 13 States/ UTs to 34 States/UTs.
- The categories of eligible ports have been expanded to include Land Customs Stations (LCSs) and Integrated Check Posts (ICPs).
- Waterways have been added to the existing modes of transport, namely road, rail and air.

- Air freight support for export shipments has been extended to Jammu & Kashmirand Ladakh, in addition to the existing coverage of the North Eastern Region.
- The minimum distance eligibility criterion between the origin and destination ports has been reduced from 200 km to 100km.
- Support has been extended to all exportable merchandise items, except those specified in the negative list of export products/categories of exports.

The Union Cabinet approved the EPM on 12th November 2025, with an outlay of ₹25,060crore for the period FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31. The Mission aims to strengthen India'sexport competitiveness through targeted financial and non-financial support, with aparticular focus on MSMEs, first-time exporters and under-represented regions.

The Mission operates through two integrated sub-schemes, Niryat Protsahan, which facilitates access to trade finance, and Niryat Disha, which supports market access and addresses non-financial barriers to exports. A total of 11 interventions under the two sub-schemes have been operationalised so far.

The amendments to these interventions under the Export Promotion Mission reflect the Government's continued commitment to strengthening India's export competitiveness by expanding support for exporters' participation in international trade events, facilitating greater access to certification and compliance assistance, and addressing freight and logistics challenges faced by MSMEs, particularly those located in low export-intensity areas.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Rules – The Telangana Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Rules, 2026 – Final Notification – Orders – Issued.

SKILL HUMAN CAPITAL AND KNOWLEDGE TRAINING INITIATIVES (LAB-I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.18, Dated: 14.11.2026.

Read the following:

1. The Telangana Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2026 Act No.21 of 2026 notified vide Gazette of Telangana No.21, dated: 28.04.2026.
2. The Telangana Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2026 issued in G.O.Ms. No.7, Labour, Employment, Training and Factories (Lab-I) Department, dated: 01.06.2026.
3. From the Commissioner of Labour, Telangana, Hyderabad, Lr.No.F1/5925/2019, dated:15.06.2026.

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ORDER:-

Whereas, the Telangana Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2026 (Act No.21 of 2026) in the first read above has been brought into force with effect from 02.06.2026 vide G.O. second read above;

2. And whereas, in pursuance of the provisions of section 37 of the Act, prior publication of the rules have been made duly calling suggestions and remarks from the concerned persons specifying within a period of 45 days;
3. And whereas, the Government after considering the suggestions and remarks received, have been considered and decided to issue final Notification;
4. Accordingly, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 35 of the Act, the Government of Telangana hereby issue of final Notification of the Rules.
5. Accordingly, the following Notification shall be published in an Extra-Ordinary issue of the Telangana State Gazette, Dated: 14.11.2026:

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(Department of Revenue)
(CENTRAL BOARD OF DIRECT TAXES)
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 16th November, 2026

S.O. 6239(E).— Whereas, section 10 (46) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) provided for exemption of specified income of certain bodies or authorities or Boards or Trusts or Commissions as may be notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette for the purposes of that section;

And whereas, the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) was repealed by section 536 (1) of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025);

And whereas, section 536(2)(a) and (b) of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025), inter alia, provides that irrespective of the repeal of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961) (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1961) and subject to sub-section (4) thereof, nothing shall affect-

(i) the previous operation of the provisions of the Act of 1961 and any order or anything duly done or suffered thereunder; or

(ii) any right, privilege, obligation or liability acquired, accrued or incurred under the Act of 1961 or orders under that Act;

And whereas, section 536(2)(c) of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025) provides that the provisions of the Act of 1961 shall continue to apply to any proceeding pending on the date of commencement of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025) and to any proceedings initiated on or after the 1st April, 2026 (including notices, assessment, reassessment, recomputation, rectification, penalty, reference, revision and appeals) in respect of any tax year beginning before the 1st April, 2026 and such proceedings shall be carried out as per the procedure specified in the Act of 1961;

And whereas, section 536(2)(e) of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025) provides that any proceeding pending on the date of its commencement before any income-tax authority or any other authority constituted under the repealed Income-tax Act, Appellate Tribunal, or any court, by way of application, appeal, reference or revision or by any other means, shall be continued and disposed of as if this Act had not been enacted;

Now, therefore, in pursuance of the provisions of section 536(2)(a) to (c) and (e) of the Income-tax Act, 2025 (30 of 2025), the Central Government hereby notifies, for the purposes of section 10 (46) of the Act of 1961, "Joint Plant Committee (PAN:AAAJJ0197P)", a Body constituted by the Central Government, in respect of the following specified income arising to that body, namely:-

(a) receipts from subscriptions to journals published by Joint Plant Committee and other similar receipts generated from compilation and publication of data, data transmission;
(b) interest due and payable from Tata Steel Ltd. and SAIL;
(c) utility charges from transit houses of Joint Plant Committee located at Mumbai, New Delhi and Kolkata;and
(d) interest income from Fixed Deposits, Government Securities and Government Bonds.

2. This notification shall be effective subject to the conditions that Joint Plant Committee (PAN:AAAJJ0197P)–

(a) shall not engage in any commercial activity;
(b) its activities and the nature of the specified income shall remain unchanged throughout the financial years; and
(c) shall file return of income in accordance with the provisions of 139(4C)(g) of the Act of 1961.

3. Failure to comply with these conditions shall result in the initiation of penal actions under the provisions of the Act of 1961, and withdrawal of exemption granted u/s 10(46) of the Act of 1961.

4. This notification shall be deemed to have been applied for financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025- 26 relevant to assessment years 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26 and 2026-27.

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