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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to circulate herewith the unclassified portion of Monthly Summary on important policy decisions in respect of Department of Economic Affairs for the Month of June, 2021.



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Subject: Monthly Summary on important policy decisions pertaining to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for the month of June, 2021.

1. Macro-Economic Overview

As per the Provisional Estimates of GDP released by National Statistical Office (NSO), real GDP growth is estimated to contract by 7.3% in 2020-21 as against a growth of 4.0% in 2019-20. The momentum of economic recovery witnessed since second half (H2) of 2020-21 has, however, been moderated by the second wave of COVID-19. Unlike the first wave, the effect of the second wave has been asynchronous in its onset across states and wider in its spread, particularly in the rural hinterland. This necessitated a differentiated, state-level policy response in close coordination with the Central Government for rapid rebooting of health infrastructure and effective implementation of 'Test, Track, Treat, Vaccinate and COVID-appropriate behavior'. The prospects of a good monsoon forecasts bode well for continued momentum in agricultural growth. With state-level lockdown restrictions being more adaptive to learnings from the first wave, manufacturing and construction activities are expected to experience a softer economic shock in the current quarter. A ramp up in the pace and spread of vaccination on a war footing is critical to help India restrain the impact of the pandemic. The sector-wise growth rates are given in the table at Annexure.

2. Other Important Developments

- i. Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), has introduced important measures in for streamlining the G-Sec settlement process and providing operational flexibility to Foreign Portfolio Investment (FPIs) in meeting margin requirements and reporting of trades.
- ii. Authorized Dealers Category-I (AD-I) Banks have been allowed to place margins on behalf of Foreign Portfolio Investments (FPIs) within their credit risk management framework and the window for reporting of Over-the-Counter transactions on Negotiated Dealing System -Order Matching (NDS-OM) has been extended by three hours.

- iii. Report of the Committee on positioning IFSC as a hub for offshore trading in INR was released by IFSCA.
- iv. Legal agreements for the Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project with loan amount USD 32 million were signed with the World Bank (IBRD) on 17th June 2021. The project aims to improve management capacity and quality of health services in Mizoram.
- v. The Project Readiness Financing Loan for Sikkim Major District Roads Upgradation Project an amount of USD 2.5 million was signed with the Asian Development Bank on 3rd June 2021 at New Delhi.
- vi. The loan for Tamil Nadu Industrial Connectivity Project an amount of USD 484 million was signed with the Asian Development Bank on 16th June, 2021 at New Delhi.
- vii. With the approval of Hon'ble Finance Minister One Line of Credit (LoC) of USD 50 million was extended to Govt. of Palestine during the month of June, 2021.
- viii. India has conveyed its historic stand on the IMF Quota formula (as part of informal discussions under the 16th GRQ in the IMF board meeting on 25th June 2021) i.e. out of 4 factors which determine the formula for the quota shares. 'GDP' should predominate with maximum weight, 'variability' should be dropped, 'voluntary contributions' should not be included, share of 'openness' and 'variability' should be reduced and status quo in the 'compression factor'.

3. Important meetings held during the month of June, 2021:

- i. Hon'ble Finance Minister chaired the following meetings:
 - a. Meeting to review and discuss the implementation of infrastructure projects, capital expenditure plan for FY 2021-2022 and roadmap ahead for M/o Railways and M/o Power (Including their Central Public Sector Enterprises {CPSEs}) on 4th June, 2021.
 - b. Meeting to review and discuss the implementation of infrastructure projects, capital expenditure plan for FY 2021-2022 and the roadmap ahead for D/o Telecom, M/o Road, Transport & Highways (MoRTH) and D/o Atomic Energy on 11th June, 2021.
 - c. Meeting to review and discuss the implementation of infrastructure projects, capital expenditure plan for FY 2021-2022 and the roadmap ahead for M/o Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), M/o Steel, M/o Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG) & D/o Space on 29th June, 2021.
- ii. Hon'ble Finance Minister attended a meeting with US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) held on 24th June, 2021.
- iii. With the approval of Hon'ble FM, India agreed to support the discussion on fresh SDR allocation for low-income countries (LICs) to support healthcare and economic recovery during the IMF Board Meeting on 25th June, 2021.

- iv. 104th Meeting of the Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) held on 14th June, 2021 under the chairmanship of Secretary (EA) revalidating Final Approval to the project proposal of Ministry of Railways for Passenger Train Operations on PPP mode.
- v. Additional Secretary, DEA chaired the 117th meeting of the DEA Screening committee for consideration of proposals seeking financing from Multilateral Development Banks/Bilateral Agencies held on 22nd June, 2021.
- vi. Additional Secretary, DEA along with Executive Director India World Bank, Senior Advisor to ED and Director (FB) participated in IDA-20 2nd replenishment meeting held from 28th – 30th June, 2021.
- vii. Senior Economic Adviser, DEA participated in the two meetings of Financial Stability Board(FSB) Plenary held on 17th June and 22nd June 2021 to discuss learnings from COVID-19, current outlook, review the reports on climate-related financial risks; and discuss progress report on implementation of benchmark reform.
- viii. Senior Economic Adviser, DEA participated in the meeting of Financial Stability Board (FSB) held on 3rd June, 2021 which is doing a peer review on the subject to support COVID-19 response efforts by examining members' practices, experiences and lessons on out of court debt workouts (OCWs), and the implications for financial stability.
- ix. DEA attended the 13th Finance and Audit Committee Meeting of Social Development Foundation (SDF) Board of Directors which was held virtually on 8th June 2021.
- x. DEA also attended the 34th Meeting of SDF Board of Directors held virtually on 9th -10th June, 2021.
- xi. Second meeting of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group was held on 18th June 2021. Deputy Director General from the Department of Economic Affairs represented India, along with Reserve Bank of India.
- xii. Meeting of Board members of National Investment and Infrastructure Limited (NIIFL) held on 17th June, 2021.
- xiii. A round of discussion on between India and Canada on Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) was held on 22nd June, 2021.
- xiv. Board of Directors meeting of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) held on 23rd -24th June 2021.
- xv. Annual Meeting of African Development Bank (AfDB) was held on 23rd June 2021.
- xvi. Tripartite Portfolio Review Meeting of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) was held on 25th June 2021.
- xvii. 31st Board of Directors meeting of New Development Bank (NDB) was held on 29th June 2021.
- xviii. 113th Evaluation Committee Meeting of IFAD was held on 30th June 2021.
- xix. Four Meetings of Empowered Group on Economic Welfare (EGEW) held in June 2021.

4. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance

In particular, use of ICT in submission of Information is being encouraged.

5. Non-Compliance of ACC directions/orders

Nil

6. FDI proposals cleared during the month and status of FDI proposals awaiting approval in the Department:

Awaiting Approval in the Department: 17

Table 1: Growth of GVA at Basic Prices by Economic Activity and GDP at Market Prices (per cent)

Sectors	Growth rate at constant (2011-12) prices (per cent)	
	2019-20 1 st RE	2020-21 PE
Agriculture, forestry & fishing	4.3	3.6
Industry	-1.2	-7.0
Mining & quarrying	-2.5	-8.5
Manufacturing	-2.4	-7.2
Electricity, gas, water supply & other utility services	2.1	1.9
Construction	1.0	-8.6
Services	7.2	-8.4
Trade, hotel, transport storage	6.4	-18.2
Financial, real estate & prof. services	7.3	-1.5
Public administration, defence and other services	8.3	-4.6
GVA at basic prices	4.1	-6.2
GDP at market prices	4.0	-7.3

Source : National Statistical Office (NSO), MoSPI

Note : RE: Revised Estimates, PE: Provisional Estimates

Table 2: Annual Real Growth in Demand Side of GDP and its Components (percent)

Components	2019-20	2020-21
	1 st RE	PE
Total Consumption	5.9	-7.3
Government Consumption	7.9	2.9
Private Consumption	5.5	-9.1
Gross Fixed Capital Formation	5.4	-10.8
Exports	-3.3	-4.7
Imports	-0.8	-13.6
GDP	4.0	-7.3

Source : National Statistical Office (NSO), MoSPI

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Table 3 : INFLATION- CPI-C, WPI (in Per Cent)

	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021
CPI-C	6.27	4.23	6.30
WPI	(-) 3.37	10.49	12.94

Source: NSO for CPI-C and OEA, DPIIT for WPI

Note: 1. WPI inflation for last two months and CPI-C inflation for last one month is provisional.

2. CPI-C inflation for May 2020 is imputed, which is based on limited set of observations due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Table 4: MONETARY DEVELOPMENT

Item	18.6.2021
Policy Repo Rate	4.0
10-Year G-Sec Par Yield (FBIL)	6.25
Bank Credit Year-on-Year growth #	5.7

Note : # as on 04.6.2021

Table 5: Merchandise Trade Performance (Customs Basis) (in US\$ billion)			
	Exports	Imports	Trade Balance
May 2020	19.0	22.2	(-) 3.2
May 2021	32.3	38.6	(-) 6.3

Table 6: Services Trade Performance (in US\$ billion)			
April 2021	17.6	9.9	7.7

Source: Provisional data as per the Press Release dated 15.6.2021 of the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Table 7 : Balance of Payments		
Items	2019-20 (Apr-Dec)	2020-21 (P) (Apr-Dec)
Current Account Balance (in US\$ billion)	-25.1	32.4
Current Account Balance / GDP (Per cent)	-1.2	1.7

Source: Reserve Bank of India.

Table 8: Foreign Exchange Reserves (in US\$ billion)	
March 2020	477.8
18.6.2021	603.9

Source: Reserve Bank of India

Table 9 : Exchange Rate of the Indian Rupee (Rupee per unit of foreign currency)				
	US Dollar	Pound Sterling	Euro	Japanese yen
7.6.2021	72.8087	102.7942	88.5087	66.4900

Source: Reserve Bank of India

Table 10 : External Debt (US\$ Billion)			
	as at end of December 2019 PR (1)	as at end of December 2020 P (2)	Percentage variation [(2/1)-1]*100
Total External debt outstanding	564.0	563.5	-0.08

Source: Quarterly Report on External Debt as at end December 2020, DEA

Table 11 : Industrial Production Highlights(y-o-y in Per Cent)			
Monthly Growth	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020
Industrial Production Growth Rate (IIP)	5.2	(-) 18.7	(-) 57.3
Monthly Growth	February 2021	March 2021	April 2021
Industrial Production Growth Rate (IIP)	(-) 3.4	22.4	134.4

Table 12 : Eight Core Industries(y-o-y in Per Cent)			
Monthly Growth	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020
Growth of Eight Core Industries	(-) 8.6	(-) 37.9	(-) 21.4
Monthly Growth	March 2021	April 2021	May 2021
Growth of Eight Core Industries	11.4	56.1	16.8
