

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
February 2025

A. Trade in Goods

a) **Total trade in goods (non-oil) during**

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	Export (US \$ Million)	Import (US \$ Million)	Status Provisional (P) / Final (F)
Country's Trade with India	24.08 (Cumulative during Jan-Feb: 50.84)	65.96 (Cumulative during Jan-Feb: 148.32)	P
Country total global trade	893.54 (Cumulative during Jan-Feb: 1826.31)	1368.74 (Cumulative during Jan-Feb: 2689.01)	P

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

b) **Preferential trade in goods during**

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S. No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Imports from India (US\$ million)	Preferential Imports from World (US\$ million)
-	Nil	NA	NA

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S. No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
-	Nil	NA	NA

(Source: based on Certificate of Origin issued by reporting country)

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c) **Top 10 items of Import from India during**

S No	Commodity (8 Digit HS code)	Value (US \$ million)	Quantity	Unit of Measurement	% share in the total import of the commodity
1	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	6.95	7443303.38	KG	88
2	BUTTER 04051000	4.57	962250	KG	57
3	TUBES, PIPES AND HOLLOW PROFILES, OF CAST IRON	4.13	6288254	KG	89

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4	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	2.36	560864	KG	89
5	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel. 72159090	1.97	863815.486	KG	92
6	FRESH CHEESE AND CURD 04061000	1.74	356630	KG	72
7	FERRO-SILICO-MANGANESE 72023000	1.31	1424400	KG	100
8	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	1.29	85	NO	20
9	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	1.08	6923.233	G	5
10	KNITTED T-SHIRTS AND OTHER VESTS OF COTTON 61091000	0.93	299591	NO	34

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

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d) Top 10 items of export to India

S No	Commodity (8 Digit Hs Code)	Value (Us \$ Million)	Quantity	Unit Of Measurement	% Share In The Total Export Of The Commodity
1	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	8.79	3030947	KG	3
2	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	5.34	13041.5	T	88
3	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	2.47	317	T	47
4	WASTE AND SCRAP OF STAINLESS STEEL 72042100	1.65	1315	T	85
5	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	0.92	477	T	93
6	ROVINGS OF GLASS FIBERS 70191200	0.73	1393231.32	KG	8
7	Flattened aluminium alloys coils and strips of a thickness of 0.2 mm or more but not exceeding 0.4 mm 76061220	0.71	235114	KG	9

8	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.63	5643970	KG	100
9	(U, I , H) SECTIONS, PARTIALLY-WORKED, UNDER 80 MM HIGH 72161000	0.61	737270	KG	100
10	RESIDUES CONTAINING MAINLY ALUMINIUM 26204000	0.49	2766	T	100

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

e) Potential item of imports from India

S No	Commodity (6 Digit HS code)	Rationale (Max 200 words)
1	Engineering Goods	In view of upcoming Infrastructure and energy projects including renewable Energy in Bahrain, there is a considerable scope to increase export of Engineering goods & project exports. There is export target of USD 233.9 million for engineering goods in FY 2024-25.
2	Pharmaceuticals (300220)	India's share in Bahrain's pharma market has remained less than 2% of its import. Patented medicines and foreign drug companies dominate the Bahraini pharmaceutical market. However, the generic drug sector is expected to grow as the government is looking to introduce mandatory health insurance scheme and control costs. This provides Indian pharma companies opportunity to make inroads in Bahraini market. Recognition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) taken up by the Mission and the proposed annex to the MoU in Healthcare Sector promote to promote trade of pharmaceutical products may help in boosting the pharma exports .
3.	Electronic Goods (including mobile phone)	Smartphones are the single largest export items from China to Bahrain which is the largest exporting country to Bahrain. Similarly, other electronic goods constitute important part of Chinese export basket to Bahrain. With India emerging as hub for Smartphones and other electronic goods , there is considerable scope to increase our export of these products to Bahrain. Last year (2023-24), we realized USD 157.3 million export under this category which is 1144% of export target of USD 13.8 million. This trend may continue with sustained efforts.
4	Jewellery of gold (71131910)	Gold jewellery is among top ten import items of Bahrain of which our share last year (2024) was only 10%. However, considerable amount of Indian jewellery is coming through UAE which captures 54% of Bahraini market. There is scope to increase our direct export to Bahraini market given popularity of Indian designs and craftsmanship.
5	Organic and processed food products	There is considerable scope to increase export of organic food, processed cereals, protein bars, healthy beverages, dairy products etc.
6	Textile Products	Indian textiles are known for their quality and diverse range , appealing to Bahraini consumers. Hence there is considerable scope to increase export of variety of textile

		products such as cotton fabrics, garments, home textiles synthetic fabric, carpets and technical textiles. The Mission is conducting a market survey on textile products/materials in Bahrain with an objective to increase export of textile products/materials from India to Bahrain. This survey will develop a better understanding for enhancing trade of textile products/materials from India to Bahrain.
7	Renewable energy products	Bahrain is actively working towards diversifying energy sources, with solar power especially expected to generate up to 1,300 MW by 2040. So there will be a considerable scope to increase the export of renewable energy products and related investments from India to Bahrain.

B. Qualitative

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a. Alerts on customs tariff changes:

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period							

b. Alerts on non tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.):

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period				

c. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period					

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country: (Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any

NIL during the period

e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period					

2. Feedback

a). Feedback from major Indian Industries/ other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to Bahrain.

S No.	Name of Business House	Activity Sector	Name(s) of large / key participants	General Feed Back (Max 200 words)
1	Meeting with nucleus software	software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Yogesh Sharma, Business growth executive - Mr. Jayant Shah, DAM - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (First Secretary) - Ranjeet Kumar (Attache) 	The meeting was discussed about their loan processing softwares used in banks and financial institutions.

b). Feedback from major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/ tourism events/ BSM including Indian participation) -

S No.	Activity (Trade fair)	Date and Venue	Name(s) of large / key participants	Feedback received
1	Inauguration of Madhya Pradesh ODOP and Tourism Walls	11 February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (First Secretary) 	Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob inaugurated the Madhya Pradesh State Tourism and ODOP walls at the Consular hall of the Embassy in presence of Indian community members including Madhya Pradesh, as part of the Focus State/UT program by Embassy of India, Bahrain.
2	Mishkat Al Anwar Trading one year celebration event	15 February 2025	- RR group, India	Mishkat Al Anwar Trading Co. WLL, a leading electrical trading company and part of A.A. Kothambawala Group, organised its first anniversary on 15th February 2025 at the Crowne Plaza's Bahrain Conference Centre.

3	Binovate 2025	19 February 2025	- Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (First Secretary)	The BNI (Business Network International) Bahrain Chapter organized BINOVATE 2025, a networking event on 19-20 February 2025 at Crown Plaza, Bahrain. This two-day event was held in strategic partnership with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation - Investment Technology Promotion Office (UNIDO-ITPO) Bahrain.
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c). Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM / local commercial establishments,

No	Activity (trade fair)	Date and Venue	List of large / key participants from Bahrain	Number of Business Visa issued	Feed Back received (Max 200 words)
1	BCCI Business Delegation from Bahrain to Hyderabad and Bengaluru	8-15 February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Girish Luthra, President, FICCI-CMSME & Chairman - Ms. Harjinder Kaur Talwar, Vice President, FICCI-CMSME & MD & CEO - Mr. Anish Agarwal, Chief Executive Officer, Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. - Mr. Subhash Chander Mittal, Chairman & Managing Director, DMR Hydroengineering & Infrastructure Ltd. - Mr. Sharath Nag Rahula, Chief Executive Officer, Letitbex AI Tech Solutions Pvt. Ltd. - Mr. Anupam Mishra, Chief Advisor, DMR Hydroengineering & Infrastructure Ltd. - Ms. Jaya Janardhanan, CEO & Co-Founder, Krayontek Solutions Pvt. Ltd. - Mr. Kambhampalli Veeranjanyulu, Director, Semis Foods 		A 13-member business delegation led by Mr. Mohamed Al Koheji, Second Vice Chairman of the Bahrain Chamber visited India from 08-15 February 2025. During the visit, they met Mr. Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary for Information Technology, Industry and Sports in the Government of Telangana to boost trade and explore investment opportunities, visited Hyderabad's Biotechnology Incubator Centre, discussed exploring life sciences with Director, Dr. Nevas Shyamala and also attended a Business Forum organised in Hyderabad.

				Pvt. Ltd. - Mr. Dinesh Garg, Managing Director, Indus Appliances Pvt. Ltd. - Ms. Ruby Garg, Director, Indus Appliances Pvt. Ltd. - Dr. Navil Prasad E, Executive Director & CEO, Kirloskar Technologies Pvt. Ltd. - Ms. Deepti Pant, Joint Director & Team Lead – MSME & Franchise, FICCI- Confederation of MSME.	
2	Invest Global 2025	Kerala Summit	21-22 February 2025	- H.E. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce	The Minister of Industry and Commerce, Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, headed the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain participating in the activities of the Global Investment Summit in Kerala “Invest Kerala Global Summit”, held in the city of Kochi in the Indian state of Kerala, which is organized by the Kerala Industrial Development Corporation, with the wide participation of representatives of countries and international companies from around the world.

D) Total business visa issued during the month of February, 2025 – 18

3. Trade & investment:

a. Significant Trends in trade & investment

S No	Category	Details of Significant Trends (200 Words)
1	Trade in Goods	I) Global Trends for the period (February 2024 to February 2025) ◆ Rise in Global Imports by Bahrain: 0% ◆ Fall in Global Exports by Bahrain: -3%

		<p>II) Trends in Trade with India (February 2024 to February 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import from India : 9% ◆ Fall in Export to India : -3% <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (January 2025 to February 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import by Bahrain: 4% ◆ Fall in Export by Bahrain: -4% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (January 2025 to February 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Imports from India: -20% ◆ Fall in Exports to India: -11% <p>(Sources: https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter)</p>
2	Trade in Services	-----
3	Investment	<p>Total cumulative Indian investment in Bahrain stands roughly at USD 1.65 billion in (Q3) 2024. India is the 6th largest investor in Bahrain. (Source: EDB). There are about 7521 Indian companies registered in Bahrain, some with partnership. (Source : NV Ref 424/2020:MOFA,Bahrain) as on 22nd October 2020</p> <p>2) As per RBI/DIPP statistics, cumulative FDI equity inflows from Bahrain into India have registered marked increase in recent years [US\$ 186.89 mn from April 2000 TO December 2024) Source : (https://dpiit.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics)</p>

b. Opportunities for investments/assets on offer/major company divestment

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset/company	Contact details
Nil			

c. Information on tender Notice for projects and procurement's of Interest to Indian Project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above):

S.No.	Tender/procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/procurement
Nil			

(Tender notifications are available on: (<http://www.tenderboard.gov.bh>)

c. Trade Queries for Import / Export

No.	Enquiry originator	Products	Nature (Import/Export)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
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1	Indian Companies (attached at Annexure -I)	Mixed	Export	The Mission has received 161 trade queries from India during February 2025 . All the queries have been replied. The queries were mainly on food, ceramic & tiles, spices, pharmaceutical etc.
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4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leader, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. Significant stories/features on India related trade, Investment, services and logistic sector, publications in foreign journals/details etc.

(i) (Al Ayam 02.02.2025) The International Conference on Indo-Arab and Indian Food in the Gulf:

The simple Gulf cuisine has been influenced by the diverse and rich Indian cuisine in its dishes and ingredients, such as biryani, dal, musala, samosa and chapati, which are famous in the Gulf countries for their hot Indian spices. The people of the Gulf countries have embraced them and transferred them to their communities, so many restaurants have been opened that serve delicious Indian dishes.

(ii) (The Daily Tribune 05.02.2025) 118-member diplomatic delegation from 77 countries arrives at Maha Kumbh Mela:

A 118-member delegation which includes Heads of Mission (HoM) and their spouses as well as diplomats from a total of 77 countries, arrived at Maha Kumbh Mela Kshetra on Saturday. Speaking to ANI, Slovak Ambassador to India, Robert Maxian, congratulated the Indian government for organizing the event.

(iii) (Gulf Daily News 07.02.2025) Saudi explores partnership opportunities with Tata Group:

Saudi Arabia is exploring collaboration opportunities with India's largest business conglomerate Tata Group in multiple sectors, including military, aviation, and electronics, reports Arab News. According to a Saudi Press Agency report, the kingdom's Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Bandar Alkhorayef, met officials of the group's affiliates, Tata Aerospace and Defence, Tata Electronics, and Tata Steel, where he discussed co-operation avenues.

(iv) (Gulf Daily News/The Daily Tribune 08.02.2025) India cuts rates for first time in five years:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cut its key interest rate for the first time in nearly five years yesterday, as it seeks to boost the sluggish economy and sees inflation easing towards its 4 per cent target. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which consists of three RBI and three external members, cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6.25pc after having kept it unchanged for eleven straight policy meetings.

(v) (Gulf Daily News 09.02.2025) Saudi eyes partnership with India:

Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030 opens promising horizons for expanding the strategic partnership between the kingdom and India in the industrial and mining sectors, thus paving the way for a bright future filled with promising joint opportunities, said the kingdom's industry and mineral resources ministry.

(vi) ((Gulf Daily News/ Al Watan/Al Bilad/Al Ayam/Akhbar Al Khaleej 10.02.2025) Economic co-operation with India highlighted:

Bahrain Chamber second vice-chairman Mohammed Al Kooheji met Jayesh Ranjan, an official of the government of the Indian state of Telangana, to boost trade and explore investment opportunities. Bahraini Ambassador Abdulrahman Al Quood also attended. Mr. Al Kooheji emphasised enhancing economic and technological co-operation, noting Bahrain's diverse investment opportunities and stressing partnerships to boost trade and knowledge transfer.

(vii) (Al Watan/Al Bilad/Al Ayam/Akhbar Al Khaleej 11.02.2025) At the Business Communication Forum between the two countries, Chamber: India is the sixth largest export partner with Bahrain, with a trade exchange of \$1.1 billion:

The Second Vice President of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce

and Industry and Head of the Bahraini Trade Delegation, Mohammed Al-Kooheji, confirmed during his participation in the activities of the Trade Communication Forum between Bahrain and India, that India is one of the most important trade partners of the Kingdom of Bahrain, as it ranked sixth as the largest export partner in 2023, and seventh as the largest import partner, while the volume of trade exchange between the two countries amounted to about \$1.1 billion, which reflects the strength of the economic partnership between the two sides, and the importance of strengthening it through such strategic events.

(viii) (The Daily Tribune 12.02.2025) BCCI delegation visits LuLu Hypermarket Hyderabad: LuLu Hypermarket Hyderabad hosted a high-profile delegation from the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI), led by Abdulrahman Mohammed Al Gaoud, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the Republic of India, and accompanied by Mohamed Alkoheji, Second Vice Chairman of BCCI. Mohamed Alkoheji stated, "Bahrain and India share a long history of strong trade relations, and platforms like LuLu Hypermarket are vital in connecting local producers with international markets."

(ix) (Gulf Daily News 13.02.2025) Wall promoting Indian state unveiled at embassy: A 'WALL' promoting Madhya Pradesh State Tourism and products under the One District One Product (ODOP) scheme of the Indian state was inaugurated recently. Indian Ambassador Vinod Jacob inaugurated the 'wall' – the eighth in a series at the consular hall of the Indian Embassy in Seef District in the presence of community members.

(x) (Gulf Daily News 15.02.2025) Bahrain looks to bolster trade and investment ties with India: Bahrain is seeking to bolster trade and investment relations with India, a key trading partner, officials said at a business forum in Hyderabad, the capital of the southern Indian state of Telangana. Mohammed Al Kooheji, second vice-chairman of the Bahrain Chamber and head of the Bahraini trade delegation, highlighted the decades-long relationship between the two countries.

(xi) (The Daily Tribune 15.02.2025) Trump offers top end jets, trade deal to India: US President Donald Trump on Thursday offered to sell state-of-the-art fighter jets to India as he and Prime Minister Narendra Modi vowed to ramp up trade, rekindling a bond that defies the new US administration's punitive approach to much of the world.

(xii) (Al Ayam/Akhbar Al Khaleej/Al Watan/Al Ayam 16.02.2025) Bahrain Chamber organizes a business communication forum with India in Bangalore.. Al-Kooheji: The volume of trade exchange between Bahrain and India exceeds 2 billion dollars: The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry organized the Bahrain-India Business Communication Forum in the city of Bangalore, in the presence of an elite group of businessmen and investors from both countries. This comes within the framework of the visit of the Bahraini business delegation to the Republic of India.

(xiii) (Gulf Daily News 19.02.2025) Qatar to invest \$10bn in India: Qatar has committed to investing \$10 billion in India across various sectors, the two nations said in a joint statement yesterday, after Qatar's Amir Shaikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani visited New Delhi. According to the statement, Qatar will invest \$10bn in India in infrastructure, technology, manufacturing, food security, logistics, hospitality and other sectors.

(xiv) (Gulf Daily News/The Daily Tribune 22.02.2025) Key opportunities in Bahrain's economic sectors highlighted: Industry and Commerce Minister Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro has outlined key opportunities in Bahrain's economic sectors, including advanced manufacturing, fintech, sustainable energy and industrial manufacturing, which align with Bahrain's Economic Vision 2030.

(xv) (BNA 24.02.2025) Britain, India hold talks on trade deal: Britain's Business and Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds and India's Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal will meet in New Delhi on Monday to restart talks on a UK-India trade deal. India and Britain, currently the world's fifth and sixth largest economies respectively, have a trade relationship worth 41 billion pounds (\$51.8 billion).

(xvi) (The Daily Tribune 28.02.2025) EU's top team in India to bolster relations: The EU's top team arrived in India on an "unprecedented" visit Thursday, aiming to broaden commercial and diplomatic ties and hedge against souring relations with the United States. EU chief Ursula von der Leyen and her college of commissioners are to hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his government in New Delhi

during the two-day trip.

5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S. No	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max 200 words)	Details of Seminar conference (date/venue, no of participants) or research (Max 200 words)	Details of trade research(title of report executive summary, date of publication) (Max 200 words)
1	2nd edition of Startup Mahakumbh 2025	03-05 April, 2025	Information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain

6. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year(2024-2025)	RE for current financial year	Amount Utilized	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,00,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)	Rs. 2,00,000	Rs. 1,51,966.29	Expenditure towards booklet printing- Import guidelines for food articles and directory of food importers of Bahrain Expenditure towards printing banner of 9 th Ayurveda Day 2024 Expenditure towards Jute gift bags and Transpotation Charges of Kangra tea
Rs 2,00,000 (Funds provided in Trade and Investment Promotion, MEA)		Rs. 2,03,000.00	Expenditure towards purchase of Kangra teas
Rs 3,00,000 Funds provided by MEA for Market Expansion Activity		Rs.1,75,084.27	Expenditure towards Karnataka ODOP Wall in the Consular hall of the chancery. Expenditure towards advance payment of 30% to consultant towards market study on the textile sector in Bahrain. Expenditure towards payment for roll up banner with stand dekho apna desh people choice 2024 Expenditure towards printing of 12 coffee table books on the content provided by the nest division, MEA
Rs 4,00,000 Funds provided in State facilitation		Rs. 3,87,702.08	Expenditure towards Odisha ODOP Wall and Tourism wall in the Consular hall of the chancery.

	Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	Any outcome
Nil					

10. Any other issues for importance (Max 500 words)

This issues with the approval of Ambassador.

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