

REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**FRE/COM/201/01/2023****Name of the Mission (Country): High Commission of India, Freetown (Sierra leone)****MONTHLY REPORT: MARCH 2026****a) Trade in goods****(i) Quantitative Data****a) Total trade in goods during****MONTHLY REPORT: MARCH 2026****A. Trade in goods****a) Total trade in goods during:**

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US\$ in millions						
<u>Status</u> P – Provisional F – Final R – Revised Final	March 2025 (R)	March 2026 (F)	% Growth	April – March 2025 (R)	April – March 2026 (F)	% Growth
India's export to Sierra Leone	27.83	49.47	77.78	385.47	419.02	8.70
India's import from Sierra Leone	3.20	1.00	-68.73	22.95	30.96	34.93

(Source: Department of Commerce: India & Trade Map Statistics)

b) Top 10 items of Export from India to Sierra Leone during (March 2026)

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity in Thousands Units	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity
1.	Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed – HS Code 100630	11.61	33,902,230	MTs	N/A
2.	Other Medicine Put Up for Retail Sale – HS Code 300490	7.68	765,355	MTs	N/A
3.	Boilers, water-tube boilers with a steam production exceeding 45t per hour – HS Code 840211	6.59	1,068,423	MTs	N/A
4.	Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; with a 360-degree revolving super structure – HS Code 842952	4.16	72	MTs	N/A
5.	Steam and other vapor turbines that exceed an output of 40 MW – HS Code 840681	2.81	1	MTs	N/A
6.	Motorcycles (including mopeds and cycles; fitted with an auxiliary motor, internal combustion piston engine, of cylinder capacity exceeding 50CC but not exceeding 250CC,	1.88	3,297	MTs	N/A

	with or without side-cars, side-cars – HS Code 871120				
7.	Other, Containing Antibiotics – HS Code 300420	1.44	35,637	MTs	N/A
8.	Plastics; articles for the conveyance or packing of goods n.e.c. in heading on. 3923 – HS Code 392390	0.91	707,684	MTs	N/A
9.	AC generators (alternators) with an output exceeding 750 kVA – HS Code 850164	0.66	1	MTs	N/A
10.	Cigarettes containing tobacco – HS Code 240220	0.63	44,210	MTs	N/A

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India)

Data shown above are the most recent data available as of **March 2026**

c) Top 6 items of Import from Sierra Leone to India during (March 2026)

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million)	Quantity in Thousands Units	Unit	% share in total export of the commodity
1.	Crude Palm Kernel/Babasu Oil And Its Fractions – HS Code 151321	0.43	213,200	MTs	N/A
2.	Other Unrefined Lead And Lead Alloys – HS Code 780199	0.37	183,350	MTs	N/A
3.	Refined, bleached, or deodorized (RBD) palm oil and its fractions, provided the oil has not been chemically modified – HS Code 151190	0.12	107,360	MTs	N/A
4.	Oil-Cake and other residue of palm nut/kernel – HS Code 230660	0.08	427,340	MTs	N/A
5.	Cashew nuts, fresh or dried, in shell – HS Code 080131	0.00	0	MTs	N/A
6.	Cocoa paste (also known as cocoa liquor or cocoa mass) that is not defatted – HS Code 180310	0.00	0	MTs	N/A

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India)

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d) Potential products of Exports from India to Sierra Leone

S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1.	Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed – HS Code 100630	With reference to the Trade Statistics of the Department of Trade and Industry in India. The listed commodities are the top 10 demanded by Sierra Leone for this Month I.e. March 2026. From this data we noticed that Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed is the highest in demand followed by Other Medicine Put Up For Retail Sale; Boilers, water-tube boilers with a steam production exceeding 45t per hour; Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; Steam and other vapor turbines that exceed an output of 40 MW;
2.	Other Medicine Put Up for Retail Sale – HS Code 300490	
3.	Boilers, water-tube boilers with a steam production exceeding 45t per hour – HS Code 840211	
4.	Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; with a 360-degree revolving super structure – HS Code 842952	
5.	Steam and other vapor turbines that exceed an output of 40 MW – HS Code	

	840681	Motorcycles (including mopeds and cycles; fitted with an auxiliary motor, internal combustion piston engine, of cylinder capacity exceeding 50CC but not exceeding 250CC, with or without side-cars, side-cars; etc. Thanks to a bilateral agreement and competitive prices, exporting goods to Sierra Leone has become affordable.
6.	Motorcycles (including mopeds and cycles; fitted with an auxiliary motor, internal combustion piston engine, of cylinder capacity exceeding 50CC but not exceeding 250CC, with or without side-cars, side-cars – HS Code 871120	
7.	Other, Containing Antibiotics – HS Code 300420	
8.	Plastics; articles for the conveyance or packing of goods n.e.c. in heading on. 3923 – HS Code 392390	
9.	AC generators (alternators) with an output exceeding 750 kVA – HS Code 850164	
10.	Cigarettes containing tobacco – HS Code 240220	

e) Significant trends in trade and investment:

S.No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max.200 words)
1.	Economic diversification and investment promotion	In March 2026 , Sierra Leone used the Berlin Economic Forum and African Development Forum to promote itself as an investment destination beyond mining. The government highlighted opportunities in tourism, the creative economy, culture, technology, and sustainable development, presenting a strategy to diversify the economy and attract foreign investment into non-extractive sectors.	This represents a strategic shift from dependence on minerals toward a broader investment model. Diversifying into tourism, creative industries, and digital services could reduce vulnerability to commodity price fluctuations, generate employment, and expand foreign exchange earnings. Success will depend on infrastructure development, investor protection, and sustained policy implementation.
2.	Investment climate and AfCFTA	Sierra Leone continued efforts to strengthen its investment framework under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) through capacity-building and policy reforms aimed at aligning domestic investment regulations with continental standards and improving investor confidence.	Aligning investment policies with AfCFTA enhances Sierra Leone's attractiveness to regional and international investors by providing a more predictable legal framework. Improved investment governance can facilitate cross-border investment, encourage industrial development, and integrate Sierra Leone more effectively into African regional value chains.
3.	Trade integration and regional markets	During March 2026, Sierra Leone continued strengthening its participation in regional trade initiatives under AfCFTA , focusing on expanding market access, reducing trade barriers, and encouraging private-sector	Greater regional integration provides Sierra Leonean exporters with access to larger African markets while attracting investors seeking entry into the AfCFTA market. However, realizing these benefits will require improvements in transport infrastructure,

		participation in regional commerce. International discussions also emphasized sustainable trade and investment as key drivers of economic growth.	customs efficiency, trade facilitation, and productive capacity.
4.	Agriculture , renewable energy and private investment	International development partners, including the World Bank Group, continued identifying agriculture, renewable energy, and financial services as sectors with the strongest potential to attract private investment, promote exports, and create employment in Sierra Leone. These priorities remained central during early 2026.	Concentrating investment on high-potential sectors supports economic diversification and long-term growth. Agriculture offers opportunities for value addition and export expansion, renewable energy can improve industrial competitiveness through reliable electricity, and financial-sector development can enhance access to finance for businesses and investors.
5.	International trade promotion	Sierra Leone participated in preparations for the Africa Trade Conference (ATC) 2026 and the Intra-African Trade Fair (IATF) , strengthening engagement with African trade institutions and promoting export opportunities and investment partnerships.	Participation in continental trade events increases Sierra Leone's visibility among investors and trading partners. Such engagement can facilitate business networking, attract investment, promote exports, and support the country's integration into regional supply chains, although tangible outcomes will depend on follow-up investment projects and business agreements.
6.	Macroeconomic and investment environment	International financial institutions continued supporting fiscal reforms and public financial management aimed at improving macroeconomic stability and strengthening the investment environment. These reforms complemented efforts to attract sustainable foreign direct investment.	A stable macroeconomic environment is essential for attracting long-term investment. Improved fiscal discipline, stronger governance, and better public financial management can reduce investor risk perceptions, improve access to development finance, and encourage greater participation by foreign and domestic investors.

Sources below: -

- <https://tourism.gov.sl/sierra-leone-redefining-economic-growth-through-cultural-diplomacy-in-berlin>
- <https://www.intracen.org/news-and-events/events/strengthening-sierra-leones-investment-framework-under-the-afcfta>
- <https://www.intracen.org/news-and-events/events/strengthening-sierra-leones-investment-framework-under-the-afcfta>
- <https://www.worldbank.org/ext/en/country/sierraleone>
- <https://www.imf.org/-/media/files/publications/cr/2026/english/1sleea2026001-source-pdf.pdf>

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e) Number of Sierra Leonean companies in India and investment value:

Industry	Number of Sierra Leonean Companies in India (January – March 2026)	Invested Amount (Unit: USD Million)
N/A	N/A	N/A

f) Market Access Alerts

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Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

Sr. No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any	Upload notification (pdf only)
NIL								

Source: -

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

Sl. No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

h) Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

Sl. No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	Classification / HS CODE	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

I) Any other alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti- subsidy)

Sr. 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
1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

Sl. No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

K) Representation of trade issues

Sr. No.	Select Issue Field*	Issues Details	HS Code	Products Description	Reporting Agency (India)	Company/ Exporter Name if any	Status of the Issue #	Importing Country Authority Name and Remarks
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

L) Stakeholders' Feedback and Action Taken**a) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country**

Sr. No.	Name of the Firm/Company	Sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

b) Feedback on major trade promotion activities/events

Sr. No.	Activity/Events (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name of EPC/Trade Body coordinating participants	Mission's Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

c) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under RBSM; number of Business Visas issued:

Sr. No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Mission's Feedback
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

d) Trade Queries for Imports/Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal) (Source: Mission)**Trade Queries for Imports/Exports for the month of March 2026**

S.No	Name Of Company	Product(s) / Services	Nature of Business (Import/Export/Services)	Purposes	Date Received	Date Replied	Email I.D
1.	Terraeco Global, Pune, India	Cane Jaggery & Eco-Friendly Products	Exporter	Trade Ties	25-02-2026	02-03-2026	vipul.agarwal75@gmail.com
2.	Gayatri Export Enterprises	Synthetic and ethnic footwear	Exporter	Trade Ties	25-02-2026	05-03-2026	gayatrib@eximbu si.com

3.	Ape Overseas, based in Kanpur, India	Textile trade	Exporter	Trade Ties	24-02-2026	05-03-2026	apeoverseas4@gmail.com
4.	Nawal Tex Fab Pvt Ltd	Textile companies dealing in Grey Fabrics	Exporter	Trade Ties	08-02-2026	05-03-2026	madhavnawal4@gmail.com
5.	Chirayu Medicos, India	Medicines & Ayurvedic (Tablets, syrups, ointments, gels) – 300; Surgical Instruments (Scalpels, forceps, clamps) – 9018; Medical Disposables (Syringes, catheters) – 9018; Medical Consumables (Gloves, bandages) - 4015 / 3005; Diagnostic Kits (COVID-19, Malaria, etc.) – 3822; Medical Cosmetics - 3304	Exporter	Trade Ties	26-02-2026	05-03-2026	
6.	Shri Ganesh Agro Foods	Basmati rice and Non-basmati rice	Exporter	Trade Ties	18-02-2026	05-03-2026	sgagro@sgagrofoods.com
7.	DJL EXIM LLP	Dehydrated Garlic Granules Dehydrated Garlic Powder Dehydrated Garlic Flakes/Cloves Dehydrated Garlic Chopped Dehydrated Garlic Minced	Exporter	Trade Ties	27-02-2026	09-03-2026	djlexim468@gmail.com
8.	Indian Export Market	Spices, Coffee and Tea	Exporter	Trade Ties	07-03-2026	10-03-2026	hwarrier@hotmail.com
9.	Gayatri Export Enterprises	Synthetic and ethnic footwear	Exporter	Trade Ties	25-02-2026	05-03-2026	gayatrib@eximbusi.com
10.	Fabtech	Pharma/medical	Exporter	Trade	05-03-2026	12-03-2026	mel.fern@FabTe

	Technologies	devices manufactures		Ties			chnologies.com
11.	ICON Exports	Moringa Leaf Powder	Exporter	Trade Ties	07-03-2026	12-03-2026	mohammedfurqanraza9@gmail.com
12.	HARE KRISHN FASHION	Apparel or textile sector	Exporter	Trade Ties	02-03-2026	12-03-2026	harekrishnfashion@gmail.com
13.	Durgesh Global Innovative Ventures	Packaging and pharmaceutical sectors	Exporter	Trade Ties	20-02-2026	12-03-2026	meena@durgeshventures.com
14.	Avi & Vidhi Enterprises	Red Chilli and Turmeric	Exporter	Trade Ties	11-03-2026	14-03-2026	avibansal23@gmail.com
15.	KB Enterprises	Rice	Exporter	Trade Ties	13-02-2026	13-03-2026	mrkapil.bh@gmail.com
16.	Novac Ceramic LLP	Product: Ceramic Tiles HS Code: 69072100	Exporter	Trade Ties	17-02-2026	13-03-2026	novac.exp@gmail.com
17.	IYRAAS	Products: HS 61 – Apparel & Clothing Accessories (Knitted or Crocheted) HS 62 – Apparel & Clothing Accessories (Not Knitted or Crocheted) HS 63 – Made-up Textile Articles & Home Décor HS 50–55 – Yarn (Silk, Cotton, Man-made Fibres) HS 52–55 – Woven Fabrics HS 58–60 – Special & Knitted Fabrics	Exporter	Trade Ties	15-02-2026	13-03-2026	info@iyraas.com
18.	Agastya Multi State Agro Marketing Cooperative Society	Top-Quality Fruits, Vegetables, and Spices	Exporter	Trade Ties	12-03-2026	13-03-2026	agastyaexports1@gmail.com

	Limited						
19.	Nikhil Agro International	HS Codes for the Products: RICE - 1006 Honey – 04090000 Spices – 0909, 3301 Chick peas - 0713 Herbal Products - 1211, 3003, 3004 Carpet - 5701 to 5705	Exporter	Trade Ties	14-03-2026	16-03-2026	info@nikhil-agro.com
20.	GG IMPEX	Product Information: White Table Eggs – HSN Code 04072100 – Fresh chicken eggs in shell Country (Desi) Eggs – HSN Code 04072100 – Fresh chicken eggs in shell HSN 0407 – Birds' eggs, in shell, fresh, preserved or cooked.	Exporter	Trade Ties	16-03-2026	17-03-2026	ggimpex.trade@gmail.com
21.	DAMAO IMPEX	Agro Products	Exporter	Trade Ties	17-03-2026	17-03-2026	exports@damaoimpex.com
22.	Enigma Exports	Guar Gum	Exporter	Trade Ties	18-03-2026	19-03-2026	enigmaexportsllp@gmail.com

M) Tourism:

a) Tourist / Business Visa Issued by Mission:

Sr. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the March 2026	No. of Business Visa issued during the March 2026
1.	N/A	N/A

b) Indian Tourism Promotion Events/Interactions held / organised:

Sr. No.	Details of Event/ Interaction	Theme/Topic	Description / No. of Participants and type of participation (tour operators/ tourism companies/ social influencers etc.)
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A

c) Any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:

Sr. No.	Date	Advisory	Reason	Action Taken
NIL during the period				

N) Opportunities in Technology/Investment/Procurement:

a) Opportunities in Technology:

Sr. No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Potential opportunity for ToT/ collaboration	B2B partnership possible/ identified companies
1.	N/A	Mining Sector	Sierra Leone Mining Week 2026 is the country's flagship mining sector conference and exhibition, scheduled to take place in Freetown from 21–23 May 2026 at the Freetown International Conference Centre. The event presents a high potential for Transfer of Technology and collaboration in mining exploration, mineral processing, ESG compliance systems, and capacity building through partnerships between international mining firms, technology providers, government agencies, and local institutions.	Sierra Leone Mining Week 2026 is expected to facilitate B2B partnerships between mining companies, equipment suppliers, logistics firms, financial institutions, and technology providers, supporting joint ventures, mineral exploration, equipment procurement, and investment collaborations in the mining sector.

b) Out borne opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

Sr. No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
Nothing during the period.			

c) Export Opportunities – Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements which are open to Indian project exporters / suppliers (USD 5 million & above) – Government Procurement (GP) as well as non-GP.

Sr. No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	GP/Non-GP	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
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d) Any press coverage/notification on new technology/ IPR Regulations:

Sr. No.	Sector	Details	Remarks	Upload Documents
1.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

e) Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

Sr. No.	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars/webinars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ webinar conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

g) Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year	RE for current financial year	Amount utilized	Details of Activity (Max.200 words)
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

h) Action taken on Complaints from foreign/ Indian Buyer/Supplier:

No. of Trade complaints received	From Local companies	From Indian Companies	Description/ No. of complaints on which Action is Taken
1	N/A	N/A	N/A
