

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 2025a) **Trade in goods**(i) **Quantitative Data**a) **Total trade in goods during****MONTHLY REPORT: MARCH 2025**A. **Trade in goods**a) **Total trade in goods during:**

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| US\$ in millions | | | | | | |
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| <u>Status</u> P – Provisional F – Final R – Revised Final | March 2024 (R) | March 2025 (F) | % Growth | April – March 2024 (R) | April – March 2025 (F) | % Growth |
| India's export to Sierra Leone | 29.28 | 27.83 | -4.96 | 267.86 | 385.47 | 43.91 |
| India's import from Sierra Leone | 3.46 | 3.20 | -7.44 | 30.67 | 23.04 | -24.87 |

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

b) **Top 10 items of Export from India to Sierra Leone during (March 2025)**

| S.No. | Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line) | Value (US\$ m illion) | Quantity in Thousands Units | Unit of Measur ement | % share in total import of the commodity |
|-------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 1. | Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed – HS Code 100630 | 9.88 | 22,740,475 | MTs | N/A |
| 2. | Other Medicine Put Up For Retail Sale – HS Code 300490 | 3.99 | 487,528 | MTs | N/A |
| 3. | Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, internal combustion piston engine, of cylinder capacity exceeding 50CC but exceeding 250CC, with or without side-cars, side-cars. – HS Code 871120 | 1.79 | 3,296 | MTs | N/A |
| 4. | Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; with a 360 degree revolving super structure – HS Code 842952 | 1.09 | 18 | MTs | N/A |
| 5. | Plastics, articles for the conveyance or packing | 0.82 | 616,780 | MTs | N/A |

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| | of goods n.e.c in heading no. 3923 – HS Code 392390 | | | | |
| 6. | Vaccines For Human Medicine – HS Code 300241 | 0.55 | 1,809 | MTs | N/A |
| 7. | Vehicle; with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine, cylinder not over 1000CC – HS Code 870321 | 0.40 | 303 | MTs | N/A |
| 8. | Other Electric Conductors < 1000v Not Fitted With Connectors: – HS Code 854449 | 0.33 | 308,990 | MTs | N/A |
| 9. | Other Petroleum Oils And Oils Obtained From bituminous Minerals ETC – HS Code 271019 | 0.32 | 189,283 | MTs | N/A |
| 10. | Other Sugar Confectionery Not Containing Cocoa – HS Code 170490 | 0.28 | 255,432 | MTs | N/A |

(Source: Ministry of Commerce & Industry, India)

*Data shown above are the most recent data available as of March 2025

c) Top 6 items of Import from Sierra Leone to India during (March 2025)

| S.N o. | Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line) | Value (US\$ million) | Quantity in Thousands Units | Unit | % share in total export of the commodity |
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| 1. | Crude Palm Kernel/Babasu Oil and Its Fractions – HS Code 151321 | 1.50 | 756,340 | MTs | N/A |
| 2. | Refined Palm Oil And Its Fractions – HS Code 151190 | 0.68 | 594,081 | MTs | N/A |
| 3. | Copper Waste And Scrap HS Code 740400 | 0.57 | 77,170 | MTs | N/A |
| 4. | Aluminum Waste And Scrap – HS Code 760200 | 0.27 | 132,965 | MTs | N/A |
| 5. | Other Waste And Scrap – HS Code 720449 | 0.07 | 205,275 | MTs | N/A |
| 6. | Waste And Scrap Of Stainless Steel – HS Code 720421 | 0.06 | 56,560 | 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) |
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| 1. | Semi/Wholly Milled Rice W/N Polished/Glazed – HS Code 100630 | <p>With reference to the Trade Statistics of the Department of Trade and Industry in India.</p> <p>The listed commodities are the top 10 demanded by Sierra Leone for this Month I.e. March 2025.</p> <p>Rice have taken the lead as the predominant import commodity from India to Sierra Leone in the month of March 2025. In addition, a few products were included to the top 10 list of commodities imported to Sierra Leone in this month like Other Medicine, Motorcycles, Mechanical shovels, Plastics, Vaccines For Human Medicine, Other Petroleum Oils And Oils Obtained From bituminous Minerals ETC, etc.</p> |
| 2. | Other Medicine Put Up For Retail Sale – HS Code 300490 | |
| 3. | Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, internal combustion piston engine, of cylinder capacity exceeding 50CC but exceeding 250CC, with or without side-cars, side-cars. – HS Code 871120 | |
| 4. | Mechanical shovels, excavators and shovel loaders; with a 360 degree revolving super structure – HS Code 842952 | |
| 5. | Plastics, articles for the conveyance or | |

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| | packing of goods n.e.c in heading no. 3923 – HS Code 392390 | Thanks to a bilateral agreement and competitive prices, importing goods into Sierra Leone has become affordable. |
| 6. | Vaccines For Human Medicine – HS Code 300241 | |
| 7. | Vehicle; with only spark-ignition internal combustion piston engine, cylinder not over 1000CC – HS Code 870321 | |
| 8. | Other Electric Conductors < 1000v Not Fitted With Connectors: – HS Code 854449 | |
| 9. | Other Petroleum Oils And Oils Obtained From bituminous Minerals ETC – HS Code 271019 | |
| 10. | Other Sugar Confectionery Not Containing Cocoa – HS Code 170490 | |

e) Significant trends in trade and investment:

| S. N o. | Category | Details of significant trends (Max.200 words) | Analysis (Max.200 words) |
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| 1. | Bank Sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shift Toward Longer-Term Instruments Investor demand is clearly favoring longer-term securities. While short-term 91-day TBills attracted minimal interest (NLe 53,200), the 364-day TBills and 2-year TBonds saw strong uptake. This indicates a growing appetite for longer-maturity, high-yield investments. High-Yield Attraction The 364-day TBills offered a compelling annual yield of 41.21%, the highest among instruments, drawing NLe 646.51 million in demand. This highlights investor preference for higher returns amid inflationary or economic uncertainty. Improved Demand-Issuance Alignment The close match between demand and actual issuance, particularly for the 182-day and 364-day TBills and 2-year TBond, signals growing investor confidence and | <p>Freetown, Sierra Leone – On March 20, 2025, the Central Bank of Sierra Leone (CBSL) offered over NLe 1 billion in government securities to boost fiscal stability and attract investment. This followed the March 13 auction, which showed varied investor interest in different instruments.</p> <p>During that earlier auction, 91-day Treasury Bills (TBills) saw low demand (NLe 53,200), while 182-day TBills recorded steady interest with both demand and issuance at NLe 12.39 million and a 29.09% yield. The 364-day TBills attracted strong demand, reaching NLe 646.51 million, nearly all issued at a high 41.21% yield. Meanwhile, the 2-year Treasury Bond (TBond) saw significant uptake at NLe 453.95 million with a 28% yield. However, no demand was seen for the 3-year TBond.</p> <p>Building on this momentum, CBSL's March 20 auction featured increased offerings: NLe 4.47 million (91-day TBills), NLe 10.12 million (182-day), NLe 380.14 million (364-day), and NLe 680.19 million (2-year TBond). This reflects confidence in market appetite for longer-term, high-yield assets.</p> <p>The close alignment between demand and</p> |

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| | | <p>CBSL's ability to accurately price and allocate offerings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-Year TBond Disinterest Notably, there was zero demand for the 3-year TBond. This points to investor hesitancy over longer-term commitments, possibly due to economic unpredictability or liquidity concerns. • Increased Offerings Reflect Market Optimism CBSL's March 20 auction saw a ramp-up in offerings across all instruments, especially in the 2-year TBond (NLe 680.19 million). This suggests strong institutional confidence in continued investor participation and market absorption capacity. | <p>issuance suggests rising investor confidence. For stakeholders, the CBSL's strategy signals growing investment opportunities and a deepening financial market in Sierra Leone.</p> |
| 2. | Mobile Money Transfer Sector | <p>A recent report by Sierra Leone's Ministry of Finance reveals key trends in mobile money adoption for business across regions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Urban Dominance: Mobile money is most used in urban regions. Western Urban leads with 35.7% of businesses using it, followed by Western Rural (31.1%) and Eastern (30.7%). These areas benefit from strong telecom infrastructure and financial access. 2. Rural Lag: The Northern (21.9%) and Southern (28.2%) regions show slower adoption, with businesses still relying heavily on cash-based transactions. 3. North-West Disparity: The North-West records the lowest usage at just 10.7%, reflecting severe infrastructure gaps and limited access to digital tools. 4. Growing Urban Dependence: In cities, mobile money is | <p>Freetown, Sierra Leone – A new report from Sierra Leone's Ministry of Finance highlights major regional gaps in mobile money use for business. While urban areas lead the way, rural regions—especially the North-West—struggle with adoption. The Western Urban region tops the list, with 35.7% of businesses using mobile money. Western Rural (31.1%) and Eastern (30.7%) regions follow closely, benefiting from better telecom infrastructure and financial access.</p> <p>However, the Northern (21.9%) and Southern (28.2%) regions lag behind, relying more on cash. Most concerning is the North-West, where just 10.7% of businesses use mobile money, signaling poor infrastructure and limited digital access.</p> <p>Mobile money is becoming vital for business efficiency and financial inclusion in urban areas. Yet, the North-West's low adoption exposes deep structural challenges.</p> <p>Experts call for targeted action—expanding mobile networks, boosting financial literacy, and encouraging digital transactions. As Sierra Leone pushes for digital transformation, closing the urban-rural gap is</p> |

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| | | <p>becoming crucial for business efficiency, financial inclusion, and smoother transactions.</p> <p>5. Call to Action: The report urges interventions such as expanding network coverage, improving financial literacy, and promoting digital finance policies.</p> <p>6. Inclusive Growth Needed: Bridging the digital divide is essential. Experts stress that financial institutions and telecoms must prioritize underserved areas to create a more inclusive digital economy across Sierra Leone.</p> | <p>key.</p> <p>The report urges financial institutions, telecoms, and policymakers to prioritize underserved regions, ensuring all businesses benefit from the country's growing digital economy.</p> |
| 3. | Informal Business Sector | <p>A recent report by the Ministry of Finance's Research and Delivery Division, in partnership with the African Development Bank, highlights notable growth in Sierra Leone's informal business sector. Based on a survey of 1,220 businesses in agriculture, agro-processing, fisheries, and petty trading, the findings show significant improvements in capital investment, revenue, and profits over the past year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Investment: 58% of businesses increased capital investment. The agro-processing sector led with 71%, and the Eastern Province recorded the highest regional growth at 72%. • Revenue Growth: 57.7% of businesses reported higher revenues. Agro-processing again topped at 73%, while the Northern Province showed the strongest regional increase at 65.8%. • Profit Increase: 60% of businesses reported profit growth. Agro-processing saw the highest gain at 78%, with the | <p>Freetown, Sierra Leone – A new report by the Ministry of Finance's Research and Delivery Division, in partnership with the African Development Bank, reveals strong growth in Sierra Leone's informal business sector. Surveying 1,220 businesses across agriculture, agro-processing, fisheries, and petty trading, the report shows notable increases in capital investment, revenue, and profits over the past year.</p> <p>Capital investment rose in 58% of businesses, led by the agro-processing sector (71%) and the Eastern Province (72%). Revenue growth was also significant, with 57.7% of respondents reporting increases. Again, agro-processing led at 73%, while the Northern Province saw the highest regional revenue growth (65.8%).</p> <p>Profits improved for 60% of businesses, with agro-processing showing a standout 78% increase. The Eastern Province led regionally, with 72.1% of businesses reporting profit growth.</p> <p>These trends reflect the resilience and recovery of informal businesses, especially in agro-processing, despite economic challenges. Experts believe this growth could drive job creation, boost household incomes, and support national economic stability.</p> |

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| | | <p>Eastern Province leading regionally at 72.1%.</p> <p>These trends signal a resilient and recovering informal economy, with agro-processing emerging as a key driver. Experts suggest this momentum could lead to more jobs, increased incomes, and broader economic stability.</p> <p>To sustain progress, the report urges more investment in infrastructure, market access, and business support. Policymakers and partners are encouraged to build on these gains for long-term development.</p> | <p>The report calls for continued investment in infrastructure, market access, and business support services. Policymakers and development partners are urged to use these insights to strengthen Sierra Leone's informal economy and sustain its growth trajectory.</p> |
| 4. | Informal Business Sector | <p>A new report from the Ministry of Finance's Research and Delivery Division highlights a major gap in support for Sierra Leone's informal businesses. An overwhelming 97% receive no financial or logistical assistance from government or NGOs, despite their key role in the economy.</p> <p>Sector breakdown of businesses without support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97.3% in agriculture • 97.8% in agro-processing and petty trading • 90.8% in fisheries <p>This lack of aid limits growth, reduces resilience, and keeps many businesses from accessing tools, training, or modern technology. The informal sector, which is the country's largest employer, remains highly vulnerable.</p> <p>The report also sheds light on gender perceptions in business. While 65.1% of respondents believe women's rights are protected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 69.3% of men agree • 62.7% of women agree • Over 22% of both genders are | <p>Freetown, Sierra Leone – A new report from the Ministry of Finance's Research and Delivery Division reveals that 97% of informal businesses receive no financial or logistical support from the government or NGOs. This lack of intervention affects key sectors like agriculture, agro-processing, petty trading, and fisheries—the backbone of Sierra Leone's economy.</p> <p>Breakdown of unsupported sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97.3% in agriculture • 97.8% in agro-processing and petty trading • 90.8% in fisheries <p>Despite being the country's largest employer, the informal sector lacks access to funding, training, and modern tools, limiting growth and resilience. The report also highlights perceptions around women's rights in business—65.1% of respondents believe they are protected. However, 69.3% of men versus 62.7% of women agree, with over 22% of both expressing uncertainty, suggesting persistent gender barriers.</p> <p>The report urges urgent action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand access to microloans and funding |

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| | | <p>unsure, signaling awareness gaps and ongoing gender-based barriers.</p> <p>Key recommendations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing access to microloans and funding • Providing business training • Promoting digital payment use • Implementing gender-focused policies <p>With informal businesses vital to employment and economic growth, the report emphasizes the urgent need for inclusive reforms and targeted support.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offer financial and business training • Promote digital payment systems • Enact gender-focused policies <p>With informal businesses central to Sierra Leone's economy, supporting them is critical to drive employment, improve livelihoods, and ensure long-term economic stability. The call for reform and financial inclusion is urgent and essential.</p> |
| 5. | Financial Access | <p>A recent survey by Sigiay Group Limited and the Ministry of Finance highlights key financial challenges facing small businesses in Sierra Leone's informal sector. High interest rates (25%), complicated loan procedures (17%), and lack of collateral (12%) are major barriers to accessing credit.</p> <p>Despite these challenges, many informal businesses are growth-oriented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 55% of loan applications were for business expansion • 22% for marketing • 17% for inventory <p>All approved applicants accepted loan terms, showing overall satisfaction with conditions.</p> <p>Regional disparities in credit access were notable. The Northwest led with a 90% loan approval rate, followed by the Northern region at 72%, pointing to uneven financial inclusion across the country.</p> <p>Gender trends revealed that 24% of women applied for loans compared to</p> | <p>Freetown, Sierra Leone – Small businesses in Sierra Leone's informal sector face major financial challenges, with high interest rates and complex loan processes limiting growth, according to a survey by Sigiay Group Limited and the Ministry of Finance's Research and Delivery Division.</p> <p>Key barriers include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High interest rates (25%) • Complicated loan procedures (17%) • Lack of collateral (12%) <p>Despite this, many are eager to grow: 55% of loan applications aimed at expansion, 22% for marketing, and 17% for inventory. Notably, all approved applicants accepted loan terms, indicating general satisfaction.</p> <p>Regional disparities were evident: the Northwest had a 90% approval rate, followed by the Northern region at 72%, suggesting uneven credit access nationwide.</p> <p>Gender differences were also significant. 24% of women applied for loans (vs. 9% of men), with a 64% approval rate (compared to 59% for men), indicating strong demand and reliability among women entrepreneurs.</p> <p>Though informal businesses are vital to Sierra Leone's economy, few have applied</p> |

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| | <p>9% of men. Women also had a higher approval rate (64%) than men (59%), suggesting they may be more creditworthy borrowers.</p> <p>While informal businesses are crucial to Sierra Leone's economy, loan application rates remain low. Petty traders accounted for the highest proportion (22%).</p> <p>The report urges action to reduce interest rates, simplify loan procedures, and boost financial literacy to support business growth and economic inclusion.</p> | <p>for loans in recent years. Petty traders made up the largest share (22%) of applicants.</p> <p>The report calls for reduced interest rates, simplified loan processes, and improved financial literacy to enhance credit access and support small business growth and inclusion.</p> |
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Source: - (Awoko Newspaper online <https://awokonewspapersl.com/category/business-finance/>)

Data shown above are the most recent data available as of March 2025

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

| Industry | Number of Sierra Leonean Companies in India (January – March 2025) | Invested Amount (Unit: USD Million) |
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| N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total | 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) |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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) |
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| 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) |
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| 1. | Interactive Session with Business entities in Sierra Leone for Promotion of Trade & Investment | 9 th March 2025 | 2 | High Commission of India, Freetown | Feedback Report: Interactive Session with Business Entities in Sierra Leone for the Promotion of Trade |

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| | | | | | <p>& Investment.</p> <p>Date: 9th March 2025 Time: 4:00 PM Venue: Lagoonda Complex, Aberdeen, Freetown.</p> <p>The interactive session held on 9th March 2025 at the Lagoonda Complex, Aberdeen, brought together a dynamic mix of business leaders, investors, and development partners to discuss strategies for promoting trade and investment in Sierra Leone.</p> <p>The event was well-attended and provided a valuable platform for open dialogue on improving the investment climate and enhancing private sector growth. The High Commissioner to Freetown delivered an insightful keynote address, outlining key reforms, incentives, and strategic sectors for investment, including agriculture, energy, tourism, and infrastructure.</p> <p>Participants appreciated the opportunity to engage directly with policymakers and express concerns regarding access to finance, policy implementation, and</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>regulatory clarity. The networking session allowed for meaningful connections and exploration of potential business collaborations.</p> <p>Attendees provided positive feedback on the session's structure, relevance, and timely focus on inclusive economic growth. Many expressed interest in continued public-private dialogue and called for more regular engagement to sustain momentum.</p> <p>Overall, the session was deemed a success, generating optimism for future investment prospects and reinforcing the government's commitment to fostering a more business-friendly environment in Sierra Leone.</p> |
| 2. | Travel & Tourism between High Commission of India and tour and travel agencies in Sierra Leone to Promote bilateral travel, tourism and hospitality sector. | 25 th March 2025 at Lagoonda Restaurant, Aberdeen Freetown | N/A | High Commission of India, Freetown | <p>Feedback Report: Travel & Tourism Interactive Session between the High Commission of India and Tour & Travel Agencies in Sierra Leone.</p> <p>Date: 25th March 2025 Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Venue: Lagoonda Complex, Aberdeen, Freetown.</p> |

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| | | | | <p>The interactive session held on 25th March 2025 at the Lagoonda Complex, Aberdeen, between the High Commission of India and Sierra Leonean tour and travel agencies, was a significant step towards strengthening bilateral cooperation in the travel, tourism, and hospitality sectors.</p> <p>The session witnessed active participation from travel agencies, tourism boards, hospitality providers, airline representatives, and officials from the Indian High Commission. It provided a vibrant platform for dialogue, exchange of ideas, and identification of mutual opportunities to boost two-way tourism.</p> <p>Participants appreciated the presentations highlighting India's rich tourism offerings, including medical tourism, cultural heritage, and wellness retreats. Similarly, Sierra Leone's potential as an emerging tourist destination—known for its beaches,</p> |
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| | | | | | <p>wildlife, and cultural diversity—was well received.</p> <p>Key suggestions included simplifying visa procedures, promoting direct air connectivity, and developing joint tourism packages. The need for capacity-building initiatives and bilateral tourism expos was also emphasized.</p> <p>Overall, attendees praised the session’s organization and relevance. It concluded with a shared commitment to deepen collaboration, expand promotional efforts, and explore investment opportunities in tourism infrastructure. The session was both informative and action-oriented, laying a strong foundation for future engagement.</p> |
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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 |
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| 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 2025

| S.No | Name of Company | Product(s) / Services | Nature of Business(Import/Export/Service s) | Purposes | Date Received | Date Replied | Email I.D |
|------|-------------------------------|--|---|-----------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Raj Traders | Rice | Exporter | Trade Tie | 02.03.2025 | 03.03.2025 | gajarebasuraj77@gmail.com |
| 2. | RSA INTERNATIONAL EXIM | Dehydrated/dried onion | Exporter | Trade Tie | 01.03.2025 | 03.03.2025 | apoorv@rsainternationalalexim.com |
| 3. | CMI Global | Textiles (Scarves, Stoles, etc.) | Exporter | Trade Tie | 12.03.2025 | 13.03.2025 | info@cmiglobal.org |
| 4. | Tennexo Import Export Pvt Ltd | Leather shoes | Exporter | Trade Tie | 14.03.2025 | 17.03.2025 | info@tennexo.com |
| 5. | Vajs Agro Export Pvt Ltd | Rice | Exporter | Trade Tie | 17.03.2025 | 18.03.2025 | vajsagroexport@gmail.com |
| 6. | Next Port International | 1. Dehydrated Onion - HS Code: 071220 2. Rose oil – HS Code: 330129 (Under The Essential Oil) 3. Rock Salt – HS Code: 25010020 4. Soybean – HS Code: 230400 5. Castor oil – HS Code: 151530 6. Makhana (Fox Nuts) - HS Code: 19041090 | Exporter | Trade Tie | 18.03.2025 | 18.03.2025 | varaiyadharmik29@gmail.com |
| 7. | Indian A Overseas | Surgical/Pharmaceutical items | Exporter | Trade Tie | 14.03.2025 | 18.03.2025 | indianartisansoverseas@gmail.com |
| 8. | Allies Overseas | Basmati rice/IR64 Parboiled rice/raw white rice | Exporter | Trade Tie | 19.03.2025 | 19.03.2025 | alliesoverseas45@gmail.com |
| 9. | Campus Polyplast | 1) Plastic Storage Solutions – Water | Exporter | Trade Tie | 18.03.2025 | 19.03.2025 | exim@campuspolyplast.com |

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| | Pvt. Ltd | Tanks, Open-top Drums 2) Waste Management Solutions – Dustbins 3) Industrial & Agricultural Containers – Milk Cans, Jerry Cans, Spray Tanks 4) Engineered Wood Division – Plywood, Decorative Veneers, WPC Sheets 5) Home & Garden Solutions – Newly launched Plastic Planters, designed for durability and aesthetic appeal in both indoor and outdoor spaces | | | | | |
| 10. | Gyra food and Beverage | Gold buyers | Exporter | Trade Tie | 12.03.2025 | 20.03.2025 | rajaranjans@gmail.com |
| 11. | Vriguja Enterprise | Basmati and Non-Basmati Rice | Exporter | Trade Tie | 21.03.2025 | 24.03.2025 | ankuskundu1999@gmail.com |
| 12. | Brosi Exports Hind Pvt Ltd | HSN Code for Mushroom Spawn – 06029010 | Exporter | Trade Tie | 10.03.2025 | 24.03.2025 | exportshind@gmail.com |
| 13. | VKC IMPEX | Ceramic Sanitaryware | Exporter | Trade Tie | 17.03.2025 | 24.03.2025 | goldcoastceramic@gmail.com |
| 14. | SIDDHI VINAYAK GRANITE | GRANITE & MARBLE HSN: 2516 11 00 6802 23 90 9703 00 20 | Exporter | Trade Tie | 23.03.2025 | 24.03.2025 | harsh87690@gmail.com |
| 15. | Geekay Global Exporters | Jute Bags & Jute products | Exporter | Trade Tie | 25.03.2025 | 25.03.2025 | ayan@geekayglobalexporters.com |
| 16. | Virtuous | 1.Engineering Goods | Exporter | Trade Tie | 24.03.2025 | 25.03.2025 | business@virtuous |

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|-----|---------------------------------|---|----------|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| | Global EXIM | Overhead Cranes, Electric Hoists, Customized Cranes, Lifting Equipment, and Related Components Fasteners, Bolts, Bearings, Screws, and Other Industrial Hardware 2. Plant-Based Health Supplements Our health supplements are USDA Organic, DSIR, HACCP, Kosher, GMP, FSSAI, and NAB Lab | | | 025 | 2025 | sind.com |
| 17. | Vishwarajsinh Chavda | Medical Disposable Products | Exporter | Trade Tie | 26.03.2025 | 26.03.2025 | vpcbizz@gmail.com |
| 18. | Riveca Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd | Pharmaceutical Products | Exporter | Trade Tie | 25.03.2025 | 27.03.2025 | bd@rivecapharma.com |
| 19. | Implanet Meditech Pvt Ltd | Medical device | Exporter | Trade Tie | 27.03.2025 | 27.03.2025 | varshik.kothadiya@implanetmeditech.com |
| 20. | Exousia Automotive Pvt.Ltd | OTR (Off-The-Road) and After-Market products: Tubeless swivel & non-swivel valves High-pressure valves and valve accessories Valve extensions, O-rings, and butyl rubber tubes (all sizes) Garage and in-plant service equipment | Exporter | Trade Tie | 28.03.2025 | 01.04.2025 | rajnikantgaikwad02@gmail.com |

M) Tourism:

a) Tourist / Business Visa Issued by Mission:

| Sr. No | No. of Tourist Visa issued during the March, 2025 | No. of Business Visa issued during the March, 2025 |
|--------|---|--|
| 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 | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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) |
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| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
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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 |
