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RUPEE RESERVES DEPLETING, IRAN STRUGGLES TO IMPORT FROM INDIA





The issue has also hit the export of other commodities such as tea and pharmaceuticals to Iran. India faces the possibility of losing one of its largest markets for basmati rice exports, Iran, following the depletion of rupee reserves held by the West Asian nation in recent weeks, people familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The issue has also hit the export of other commodities such as tea and pharmaceuticals to Iran, the people added. Iran has been paying for imports by using rupee reserves built up from oil exports to India, before New Delhi stopped buying Iranian crude in mid-2019 because of US sanctions on Tehran.

While the Iranian side has been working on ways to resume basmati rice imports from India, importers in that country have begun exploring the option of increasing rice procurements from other producers such as Pakistan, Turkey and Thailand, the people said. Iran imported almost a million tonnes of the aromatic rice from India in 2022-23, 20.35% of the total basmati exports of 4.5 million tonnes from the country.

Source: The KNN News

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VALIDITY OF THE 'GROUP OF COMPANIES' DOCTRINE IN THE JURISPRUDENCE OF INDIAN ARBITRATION – SUPREME COURT FIVE JUDGES DECISION

Doctrine Group of Companies in the jurisprudence of Indian arbitration



Five judges of Hon'ble Supreme Court are called upon to determine the validity of the 'Group of Companies' doctrine in the jurisprudence of Indian arbitration. The doctrine provides that an arbitration agreement which is entered into by a company within a group of companies may bind non-signatory affiliates, if the circumstances are such as to demonstrate the mutual intention of the parties to bind both signatories and non-signatories. This doctrine is called into question purportedly on the ground that it interferes with the established legal principles such as party autonomy, privity of contract, and separate legal

personality. The challenge before Supreme Court is to figure out whether there can be a reconciliation between the group of companies doctrine and well settled legal principles of corporate law and contract law.

An agreement to refer disputes to arbitration must be in a written form, as against an oral agreement, but need not be signed by the parties. Under Section 7(4)(b), a court or arbitral tribunal will determine whether a non-signatory is a party to an arbitration agreement by interpreting the express language employed by the parties in the record of agreement, coupled with surrounding circumstances of the formation, performance, and discharge of the contract. While interpreting and constructing the contract, courts or tribunals may adopt well-established principles, which aid and assist proper adjudication and determination. The Group of Companies doctrine is one such principle.



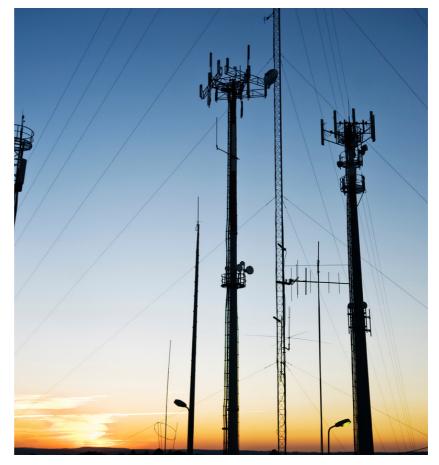
Source: IBC Laws

US TELECOM VENDORS LOOK TO DEEPEN MANUFACTURING CAPABILITIES IN INDIA

Swedish telecom gear maker Ericsson's president and chief executive, India is the world's second-largest telecommunications and market has registered strong growth in the last decade. The mobile country has subscriber base of around 1.16 billion1 as of November 2021

which is expected to touch 1.42 billion2 by 2024. The number of broadband subscriber base has increased to 801.6 million3 in November 2021 which is expected to touch 900 million by 20254.

India's data consumption is around 12 GB per Month/user and islikely to touch 25GB5 per Month/User by 2025. Telecommunication industry is enabled by a



complex value chain that includes service providers, equipment vendors and users. It plays a significant role in economic and social development of a country. As the world gets more and more technologically advanced, most which in turn will reduce prices for consumers," the government said in a statement.

The energy ministry said the measure would prevent unauthorised "grey" exports of motor fuels.



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HEADLINES OF THE DAY

- > The issue has also hit the export of other commodities such as tea and pharmaceuticals to Iran, the people added. Iran has been paying for imports by using rupee reserves built up from oil exports to India
- > The broader declining trend, he stressed, is driven by slower demand for Indian goods from large markets like the U.S. and Europe, where growth is slowing down and interest rate hikes to curb inflation are further denting business levels.
- ➢ Merchandise imports for the period April-January 2022-23 were US\$602.20 billion in comparison with \$494.06 billion during the period April-January
- India's goods exports plummeted 22.02% year-over-year in June to hit an eight-month low of \$32.97 billion, while imports fell 17.5% to \$53.1 billion, as per data from the Commerce Ministry.

INDIA'S GOODS Exports dropped 22% to hit 8-Month Low

India will start a pilot project this week to establish itself as an electronics repair hub by relaxing cumbersome import-export rules, a move that could draw tech majors such as Flex to expand such operations in the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has electronics promoted India and manufacturing in attracted the likes of Apple and Xiaomi, but the country still lacks an industry for repair outsourcing which is estimated to be worth \$100 billion globally and currently dominated by China and Malaysia.



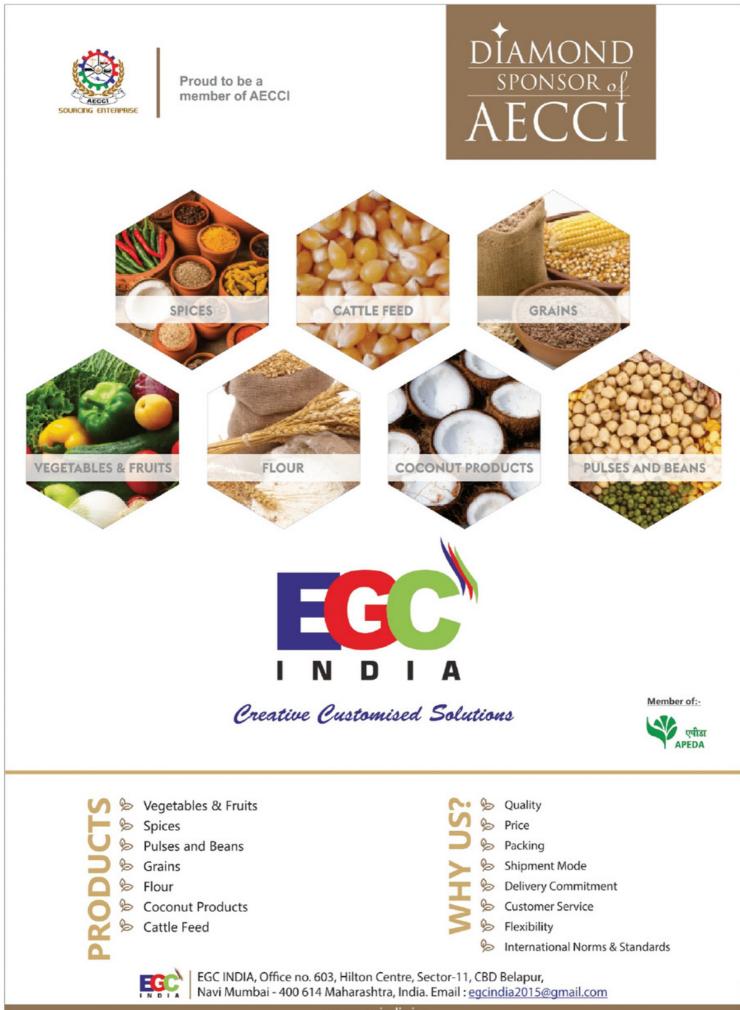
Following a push by an industry



for IT and electronics group manufacturers, MAIT, the Indian government will test changes to lower the time required for necessary approvals for imports and exports to a day from as much as 10 days.

MAIT Director General Ali Akhtar Jafri said the government has agreed to ease the approval.

Source: KNN News

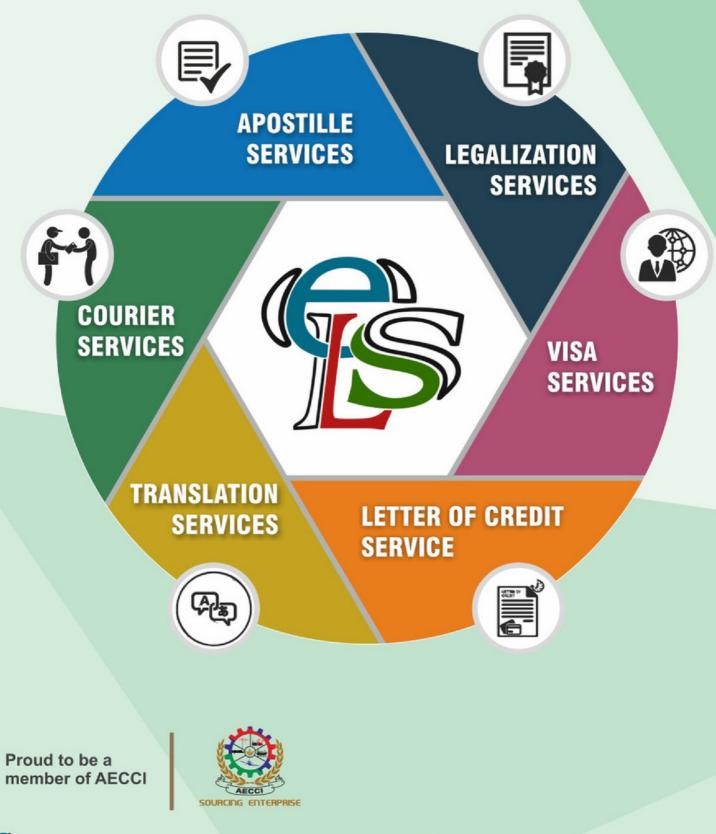


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