

District Export Action Plan – Dhamtari

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1. Introduction: District Export Hub Initiative:

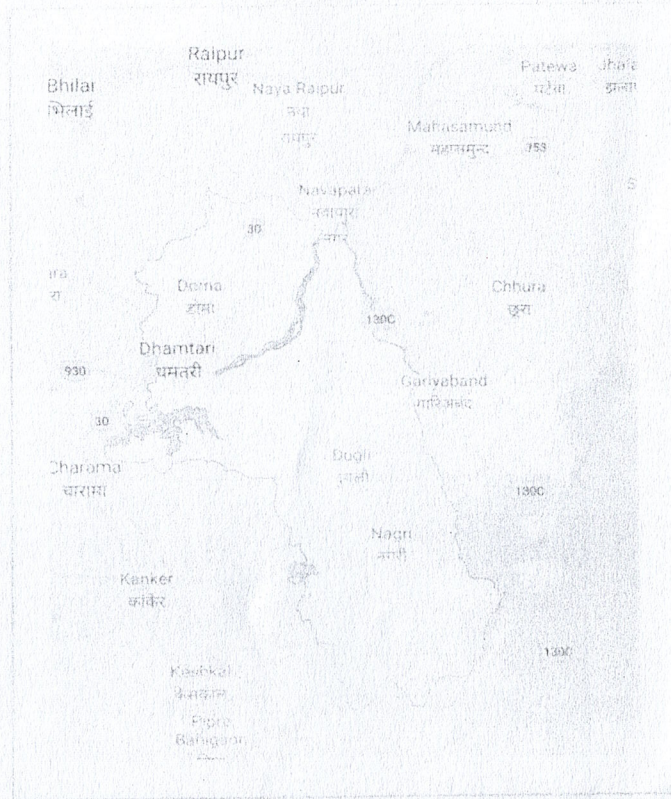
In light of the Hon'ble PM's Independence Speech, various instructions regarding developing Districts as Export Hubs were issued for DGFT RAs and various other stakeholders. These initiatives aim at building institutional mechanism to understand the issues of Industries at ground level in Districts, identify their comparative strength and work continuously in time-based manner to realize the vision of developing District as Export Hub. In follow up of this, District Export Draft plan has been prepared.

2. District Profile:

Dhamtari district is situated in the fertile plains of Chhattisgarh Region. Dhamtari district is officially formed on 6th July 1998 dividing the Raipur district currently the capital of Chhattisgarh along with Mahasamund. As a result the boundaries of the Raipur district is converted into the districts e.g Raipur, Mahasamund and Dhamtari. Dhamtari, Kurud and Nagari are included in Dhamtari district as Tehsils and Dhamtari, Kurud, Nagari and Magarlod are included as blocks.

3. Location and Geographical Position:

Dhamtari is in the fertile plains of Chhattisgarh. The district's total area is 2,029 square kilometres (783 sq mi), and it is about 317 meters (1,040 feet) above sea level. It is bordered by the Raipur District to the north, the Kanker and Bastar Districts to the south, the State of Orissa to the east and the Durg and Kanker Districts to the west. The fertility of the land in the Dhamtari District is due to the Mahanadi River and its tributaries (Sendur, Paury, Sondur, Joan, Kharun, and Shivnath). Dhamtari is situated 65 km from capital Raipur. Dhamtari is well-connected to national highways such as NH 30 and several other state highways from places like Raipur, Bhilai, etc.



4. Demographic Profile (2011 Census):

According to Census 2011: Title Details in figures Population Persons 799781 Male Total no of male 397897 Female Total no of female 401884 Rural Population Title Details in figures Persons total rural population of district 650586 Males No of male population in rural 323420 Females No of female population in rural 327166.

5. Agricultural Profile:

The district is a rail-spur terminus and a trade centers for agricultural and forest products. The chief crop of this district is paddy. Total Agricultural area is 144912 hectare. This district was completely depending on the Rice crop.

6. Logistics Infrastructure Profile of District:

Presently 8 cold storages are located in the district with storage capacity of 50,000 MT. There are 29 warehouses with storage capacity of 92,000 M.T. is promoted by industry department. NABARD also facilitating the warehouse of construction in its own scheme. In the district Mega Food Park of 68.68 hectare is available ready for allotment which is boosting the food processing industries to become as a export graded industry.



7. Industries Profile:

In the district major industries are Agriculture and forest based industry. There are more than 200 rice mills in the district, which indicates the linkage for other enterprises in the area. There are 7 units of minor forest produces processing and 21 trade houses in the district. 10 units are specially engage in shellac processing. The overall 40-50 types of forest products are available in the district. Approximate 20,000 MT of forest produce are collected and approximate turnover is 50-60 crore per annum. Shellac is almost collected 4000 MT with turnover 115 crore.

8. Services Sector Profile:

Motor Repairing, Internet café, Agro Service Center, Computer repairing & Mobile repairing.

9. Focus Products and Sectors for Export (based on Comparative Advantage):

As for as export is concern presently minor forest products Chirota (*Cassia tora*) seed and pulses, Harra (*Terminalia chebula*), Baheda (*Terminalia belerica*), Shellac etc are leading products. Mainly shellac is famous item and dhamtari is known for its export. Presently 4-5 unit for exporting the shellac with turnover approximate 30 crore per annum. However this unit are having IEC export licence but they are exporting through export houses. Second exportable

item from the district is Non Scented Non Basmati Grade Rice. Approximate 60 parboiled Rice Millers are exporting the rice average quantity of 5,000 MT Average price of export is 23,500 per MT in Rice however units are having export license but they are exporting through export houses.

10. Major Market for these products:

PRODUCT NAME (ITC HS CODE)	TOP IMPORTER COUNTRY/MAJOR MARKET
Rice 100630	Iran Islamic Republic of Saudi Arabia UAE and South Asian countries etc.
Shellac 13011010	U.A.E, Pakistan, Thailand etc.
Tamarind 08109020	Vietnam, Thailand
Cassia Tora seed 09109915	Vietnam, China

11. Major Industrial Units of District: Rice Mills

12. Testing/Certification Facilities:

- Certificate of Origin – Application online through <https://coo.dgft.gov.in/>. Agencies as per Appendix 2B to 2F.
- Packaging – Indian Institute Packaging, Mumbai
- Sanitary – Phytosanitary Certificate - APEDA
- Standard – BIS Raipur
- Inspection Certificate - Export Inspection Agency-Mumbai

13. Key Stakeholders:

- | S. No. | Agency |
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| 1 | District Collector/DM |
| 2 | Regional Authority of DGFT – Office of Jt. DGFT Nagpur |
| 3 | GM – District Industries Centre |
| 4 | Directorate of Industries, Chhattisgarh |
| 5 | Lead Bank |

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- 6 MSME.DI Raipur
 - 7 EEPC
 - 8 SRTEPC
 - 9 ICAR-Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums
 - 10 APEDA
 - 11 SEPC
 - 12 District Industries Association
 - 13 Other State Government Nominee

14. Identification of institutional/other responsibilities

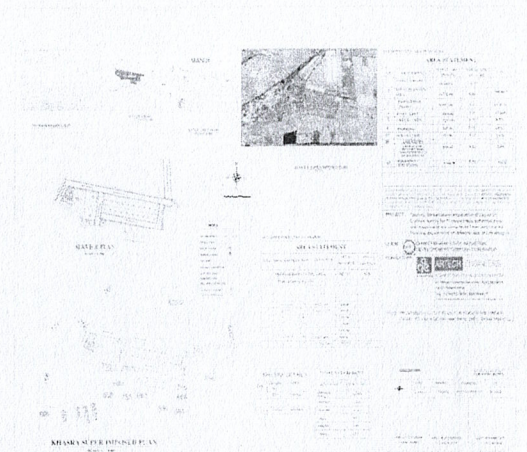
It will be demarcated as per area of expertise of the agencies involved. RA Nagpur will play lead role in bringing all stakeholder on the same platform to achieve time-bound improvement in District Export Potential. Ongoing extensive consultation will play role in better delineation.

15. Regulatory and operational reform required.

- a. Better Inter-departmental and Inter-Governmental Coordination and better information dissemination
- b. Specific policy for export promotion of Minor forest produces.
- c. Forest produces should be not be considered under per view of agriculture produce. It should have separate emphasis on it.
- d. Involvement of Industrial Associations in better policy formulation.
- e. More actionable market intelligence is expected to be delivered.
- f. Exemption/Relaxation on Mandi Tax.
- g. It will be further delineated specific to needs of the sectors as per ongoing extensive stakeholder consultation.

16. Infrastructure utilities logistics interventions required.

- a. Quality testing lab is required nearby the district.
- b. More handholding in terms of Design, Product Development, Prototype Development, and Skill Training through institutional strengthening is desired.
- c. Hon'ble CM has announced for new forest processing park at village shyamtarai near to dhamtari which is supporting land requirement and facilitates exporter industry.
- d. Financial resource availability and restructuring of loans.
- e. It will be further delineated specific to needs of the



sectors as per ongoing extensive stakeholder consultation.

f. In the district Mega Food Park of 68.68 hectare is available ready for allotment which is boosting the food processing industries to become as a export graded industry.

g. Railway rack point allotted to Dhamtari is balod station, where fare is higher compare to Raipur or Mahashmund.

17. Tie-ups of producers with exporters.

It will be demarcated as per area of expertise of the Export Promotion Councils and interested producers with thriving exporters. Ongoing extensive consultation will play role in better delineation.

18. Comprehensive analysis of the strength of the district.

In view of developing the infrastructure like food processing park and forest produce processing park district will enhance its export capacity of Shellac and Rice and also its value added product. As per discussion in DEPC Tamarind product and Cassia Tora gum will be the other product which entrepreneurs will export.

As per the state industrial policy 2014-19 special incentives like investment subsidy, interest subsidy, GST exemption, Margin money subsidy are providing. Special transport subsidy will also be provided to EOI unit. To promote forest produce processing industries special VANANCHAL Package is announced by the State Govt.

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