

HIGH COMMISSION OF INDIA, WELLINGTON

MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025

Name of the Mission (Country): Wellington

A. Trade in goods

a) **Total trade in goods during**

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	Export (US\$ million)	Import (US\$ million) Cost, insurance, and freight (CIF)	Status (P) Provisional / (F) Final
NZ's trade with India	\$ 34 mn	\$ 51.67 mn	F
NZ's total global trade	\$ 3096.78 mn	\$ 3887.61 mn	F

(Source: StatsNZ)

(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)
No preferential / Free Trade Agreement between India and NZ			

S.No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
No preferential / Free Trade Agreement between India and NZ			

(c) **Top 10 items of import from India during**

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S.No.	Commodity [10-digit HS (Harmonized System) tariff line]	Value (US\$ million) Cost, insurance, and freight (CIF)	Qty	Unit of Measurement	% Share in total import of the commodity
1.	3004.90.19.30 Medicaments; consisting of mixed or unmixed products n.e.c. in heading no. 3004, packaged for retail sale, (other than for veterinary uses), not in aerosol containers	\$ 4.25 mn	NA (Not Applicable)	NA (Not Applicable)	% 26.11
2.	7113.19.09.09 Jewellery; of precious metal (excluding silver) whether	\$ 2.56 mn	NA (Not	NA (Not Applicable)	% 14.78

	or not plated or clad with precious metal, and parts thereof, n.e.c. in item no. 7113.19.01, not incorporating jade		Applicable)		
3.	8410.90.00.00 Turbines; parts of hydraulic turbines and water wheels, including regulators	\$ 2.31 mn	NA (Not Applicable)	NA (Not Applicable)	% 17.32
4.	8703.22.19.15 Vehicles; with only spark-ignition internal combustion reciprocating piston engine, cylinder capacity over 1000 but not over 1500cc, new motor cars, assembled	\$ 1.77 mn	121	NMB (Numeric)	% 16.33
5.	8411.91.00.00 Turbines; parts of turbo-jets and turbo-propellers	\$ 1.31 mn	NA (Not Applicable)	NA (Not Applicable)	% 12.11
6.	0306.17.00.00 Crustaceans; frozen, shrimps and prawns, excluding cold-water varieties, in shell or not, smoked, cooked or not before or during smoking; in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water	\$ 1.04 mn	153384	KGM (Kilogram)	% 6.79
7.	1006.30.00.00 Cereals; rice, semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed	\$ 0.93 mn	923040	KGM (Kilogram)	% 12.34
8.	6109.10.12.00 T-shirts; of cotton, knitted or crocheted, of sizes exceeding 81cm chest measurement	\$ 0.79 mn	191752	NMB (Numeric)	% 5.44
9.	7102.39.00.00 Diamonds; non-industrial, (other than unworked or simply sawn, cleaved or bruted), but not mounted or set	\$ 0.74 mn	NA (Not Applicable)	NA (Not Applicable)	% 14.74
10.	6302.60.00.09 Toilet linen; of terry towelling or similar terry fabrics, of cotton, other than roller towels	\$ 0.74 mn	296189	NMB (Numeric)	% 15.87

(Source: Stats NZ)

(d) Top 10 items of export to India during

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S.No.	Commodity (10- digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ million) (Free On Board) FOB	Qty	Unit
1	4701.00.00.01 Wood pulp; mechanical wood pulp, of softwood	\$ 4.98 mn	13980	TNE (Metric Ton)
2	7602.00.00.19 Aluminium; waste and scrap, other than used beverage cans or aluminium extrusions	\$ 3.65 mn	1983	TNE (Metric Ton)
3	3502.20.00.00 Albumins; milk albumin, including concentrates of two or more whey proteins	\$ 3.34 mn	333575	KGM (Kilogram)
4	4403.22.00.12 Wood; coniferous species, of pine (Pinus spp.), in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, untreated, of which the smallest cross-sectional dimension is less than 15 cm, pinus radiata; saw logs and veneer logs	\$ 2.86 mn	34480	MTQ (Cubic Meter)
5	7204.29.00.00 Ferrous waste and scrap; of alloy steel (excluding stainless)	\$ 2.33 mn	6465	TNE (Metric Ton)
6	5101.21.00.08 Wool; (not carded or combed), degreased, (not carbonised), shorn, exceeding 35.4 microns in fibre diameter	\$ 2.01 mn	787711	KGM (Kilogram)
7	7204.49.00.00 Ferrous waste and scrap; n.e.c. in heading no. 7204	\$ 1.7 mn	4206	TNE (Metric Ton)
8	9019.20.00.00 Therapeutic respiration apparatus; ozone, oxygen, aerosol therapy apparatus; artificial respiration or other therapeutic respiration apparatus	\$ 1 mn	NA (Not Applicable)	NA (Not Applicable)
9	7204.21.00.00 Ferrous waste and scrap; of stainless steel	\$ 0.9 mn	729	TNE (Metric Ton)
10	7404.00.00.00 Copper; waste and scrap	\$ 0.8 mn	248357	KGM (Kilogram)

(Source: Stats NZ)

(e) Potential products of imports from India

S.No.	Commodity (NZ's highest imports)	Top 10 Imports by product- September 2024 quarter
1.	Mechanical machinery	US \$ 1691.28 million
2.	Mineral fuels & Oils	US \$ 1661.92 million
3.	Vehicles	US \$ 1145.14 million
4.	Electrical machinery & equipment	US \$ 1068.8 million
5.	Optical, medical and measuring equipment	US \$ 416.94 million
6.	Aircraft	US \$ 411.07 million
7.	Plastics	US \$ 387.58 million
8.	Pharmaceuticals	US \$ 340.6 million
9.	Furniture	US \$ 217.28 million
10.	Food wastes	US \$ 199.66 million

(Source: Stats NZ)**A. QUALITATIVE****Month**

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1. Market Access Alerts (attach copy of notification):

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

S. No.	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.	Consultation: Customs Long-Term Insights Briefing	Customs is consulting on the proposed topic and scope for its Long-term Insights Briefing (LTIB). https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/consultation-customs-long-term-insights-briefing/			
2.	New excise duty rates for tobacco products, cigarettes and heated tobacco products from 1 January 2025	The annual indexation increase to excise and excise-equivalent duty rates will take place on 1 January 2025. https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/new-excise-duty-rates-for-tobacco-products-cigarettes-and-heated-tobacco-products-from-1-january-2025/			
3.	New border processing levy rates in force on 1 December 2024	The Comptroller of Customs has set new levy rates to apply from 1 December 2024 for each traveller arriving in and departing from New Zealand. https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/new-border-processing-levy-rates-in-force-on-1-december-2024/			
4.	Text message scam impersonating Customs	Customs has received a report of a text message which tells recipients they have received a package which is being cleared by Customs, and asks recipients to click on a link to confirm a postal address.			

		https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/text-message-scam-impersonating-customs/
5.	Notification of intention to incorporate by reference: updated AANZFTA PSRs	<p>Pursuant to Schedule 2, clause 1 of the Legislation Act 2019, I, the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Customs Service, give notice of the intention to incorporate by reference Chapter 3 Annex 3B (Product Specific Rules) into Part 6 of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996. The document sets out the rules of origin provisions agreed under the Second Protocol to the AANZFTA Agreement as signed on 21 August 2023. I propose incorporating this document by reference in the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996 as an alternative to its full text being stated in those regulations.</p> <p>https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/notification-of-intention-to-incorporate-by-reference-updated-aanzfta-psrs/</p>
6.	Decisions on border processing levies	<p>The Government has agreed settings changes for Customs Border Processing Levies.</p> <p>Proposed new Customs' levy rates, along with new cap settings, are laid out in the table below. They will apply from 1 December 2024 and end on 30 June 2027. These will be set by the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Customs Service before 1 December 2024.</p> <p>Final rates will be set out in the New Zealand Gazette, once notified by the Chief Executive.</p> <p>https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/decisions-on-border-processing-levies/</p>
7.	Updated requirements for graphic material importers and manufacturers	<p>The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has updated the rules for importing and manufacturing graphic materials marketed at children, such as fingerpaints, crayons, and felt-tip pens, as part of their decision to reduce the lead impurity levels allowed in paints.</p> <p>https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/updated-requirements-for-graphic-material-importers-and-manufacturers/</p>
8.	Import Entry Transaction Fee refunds	<p>Import Entry Transaction Fee refunds</p> <p>New Zealand Customs has become aware of an administrative issue which resulted in some individuals being charged the Customs portion of the Import Entry Transaction Fee (IETF) in error. This error impacted individuals importing goods through mail during the period 1 July 2021 to 3 March 2023.</p> <p>This only pertains to Import Clearances completed by NZ Customs.</p> <p>Customs invites importers who may have been impacted to apply for a refund.</p> <p>https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notice/import-entry-transaction-fee-refunds/</p>
9.	Consultation: Recovering the costs of goods management activities at the border	<p>Joint consultation on fees and levies for goods</p> <p>The New Zealand Customs Service (Customs) and the</p>

		Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) are undertaking public consultation on proposed changes to make goods fees and levies financially sustainable and fairer. https://www.customs.govt.nz/about-us/news/important-notices/consultation-recovering-costs-goods-management-activities-at-the-border/
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b. Alerts on non-tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	Effective from	Remarks if any
1.		<p>Non-tariff barriers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administrative procedures 2. Quantity restrictions (such as quotas) 3. Licensing requirements 4. Data storage requirements 5. Privacy requirements 6. Board director requirements 7. Procurement rules 8. Price controls 9. Subsidies 10. Product labelling requirements 11. Phytosanitary or technical regulations and standards. <p>https://www.customs.govt.nz/business/tariffs/non-tariff-barriers/</p>			

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
		<p>A regulator's guide to New Zealand's Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Obligations https://www.mbie.govt.nz/dmsdocument/23733-a-regulators-guide-to-new-zealands-technical-barriers-to-trade-tbt-obligations</p>			

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,	Details of products/ sectors affected (including	Effective from	Remarks if any
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		new shipper review)	HS codes)		
Protected / Controlled Goods: https://www.mfat.govt.nz/en/trade/trading-weapons-and-controlled-chemicals/which-goods-are-controlled/					

- 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
https://www.customs.govt.nz/					

2. Feedback

- a. Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country

S. No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
1.	Strict Bio Security norms make export of food grains and other such items to New Zealand very difficult. The suggested measures after detection of pests in a consignment are not cost effective. There are three options given to the importers: (i) Send back the consignment or (ii) Go for complete fumigation or (iii) Destroy the whole shipment. However, major importers like Yogi Ji, Patel Brothers, Indo-Kiwi, and others have successfully brought Indian food products, hair oils, and ayurvedic/ herbal items to New Zealand, where they are widely sold and appreciated.			
2.	The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) enforces controls on imported goods to ensure that no unwanted pests or diseases enter the country and that food remains safe to eat. Guidelines for the import of almost all types of commodities have been prescribed and are mandatory. Customs clearance is not overly difficult or cumbersome, provided the consignment complies with the prescribed procedures. The required procedures and documentation are readily available on their website: https://www.mpi.govt.nz/import/importing-into-nz-how-it-works/importing-process/			
3.	High Commission of India has been working diligently to reduce trade barriers for importers without compromising its standards.			

b. Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S. No.	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received. (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI, TA/TC)
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c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; number of Business Visas issued:

S. 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	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
1.	Mission has issued nice business visa's to India for various purposes like trade activities, conference/ seminars, business meetings etc.				6	No common website for importing large quantities of products from India.

3. Trade and Investment:

a. Significant trends in trade and investment (Sources: StatsNZ)

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	Analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade-Goods	December 2024 monthly values when compared with December 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goods exports rose by 17%: US \$ 3993.32 mn Goods imports rose by 6.5%: US \$ 3875.87 mn The monthly trade balance was a surplus of US \$ 128.6 mn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Exports were up from all top trading partners.</i> <i>Imports were up from all top trading partners.</i>
2.	Trade-Services	Values for September 2024 quarter: (Total) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Export to the world:</i> US \$ 3799.52 mn <i>Imports from the world:</i> US \$ 4991.65 mn <i>The quarterly trade balance</i> US \$ 1192.12 mn (deficit) 	Values for September 2024 quarter: (India) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>NZ's exports to India:</i> US \$ 102.93 mn <i>NZ's imports from India:</i> US \$ 51.63 mn <i>This represented 2.7% of all exports of total services in this time period and 1.0% of imports. For trade in total services India</i>

			<i>ranked 5 of 196 for highest export value, 17 of 202 for highest import value, and 7 of 216 for highest total trade value.</i>
3.	Investment (New data)	For the year ending March 2023: India's foreign direct investment in NZ was US \$ 3316.16 million and NZ's total direct investment in India was US \$ 277.95 mn	

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

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
	Investing in significant business assets https://www.linz.govt.nz/guidance/overseas-investment/ways-invest/investing-significant-business-assets		

c. Information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above)

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
New Zealand tenders: https://www.gets.govt.nz/ExternalIndex.htm			
New Zealand tenders: https://www.procurement.govt.nz/			

d. Trade Queries for Imports/ Exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal)

Enquiry originator	Nature	Product	Action Taken
Confiance Overseas Exim LLP	Export	Fertilizers	List of importers and other details regarding NZ market shared.
Fit Tree International Llp	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Prisloren Global Care Pvt. Ltd	Export	Herbal Product	- do-
World Traders	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Lurigroups	Export	Agriculture Products	- do-
Foodbros Overseas	Export	Fmcg Products	- do-
Pandya Exports	Export	Granite & Marble Slabs	- do-
Fit Tree International Llp	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Prisloren Global Care Pvt. Ltd	Export	Herbal Product	- do-
<u>Maruti</u> World Traders	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Thoroughbred Exports)	Export	Food And Agro Products	- do-
Santosh Pargal & Co.	Export	Leather Goods	- do-
Rex International	Export	Ferrous And Non-Ferrous Scrap	- do-

Oceanx International	Export	Fabrics	- do-
Niche Formulations	Export	Pharmaceutical Formulations	- do-
Juneja Detergent	Export	Detergent Powder and Soap	- do-
RAJHANS ENTERPRISE	Export	Tiles	- do-
			- do-
Top Travel & Tours	Export	Tour Operator	- do-
Global Trade House	Export	Turmeric Powder	- do-
Jazcotex	Export	Textiles	- do-
Rajhans Enterprise	Export	Tiles	- do-
Sri Parameswari Exports	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Lurigroups	Export	Agriculture Products	- do-
Foodbros Overseas	Export	Fmcg Products	- do-
Jny Overseas	Export	Clay Tandoor	- do-
Confiance Overseas Exim Llp	Export	Fertilizers	- do-
Top Travel & Tours	Export	Tour Operator	- do-
Pandya Exports	Export	Granite & Marble Slabs	- do-
Lurigroups	Export	Agriculture Products	- do-
Santosh Pargal & Co.	Export	Leather Goods	- do-
Zenith Industrial Rubber Products Pvt Ltd.	Export	Rubber Products	- do-
JK IMPEX	Export	Agro products	- do-
RAJHANS ENTERPRISE	Export	Tiles	- do-
Foodbros Overseas	Export	Fmcg Products	- do-
Top Travel & Tours	Export	Tour Operator	- do-
Global Trade House	Export	Turmeric Powder	- do-
Jazcotex	Export	Textiles	- do-
Rajhans Enterprise	Export	Tiles	- do-
Sri Parameswari Exports	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Chakraborty Overseas	Export	Cashew And Millets	- do-
Himalayan Herbs Llc	Export	Kashmir Saffron	- do-
Fit Tree International Llp	Export	Agro Products	- do-

Prisloren Global Care Pvt. Ltd	Export	Herbal Product	- do-
World Traders	Export	Agro Products	- do-
Lurigroups	Export	Agriculture Products	- do-
Foodbros Overseas	Export	Fmcg Products	- do-
Pandya Exports	Export	Granite & Marble Slabs	- do-
Intel Expro India	Export	Maize Starch	- do-
Sukalp Pla Fab Granuale	Export	Plastic Tarpaulin	- do-
Singnath Exports	Export	Agriculture Commodities	- do-
Aeonim Healthcare	Export	Pharmaceutical	- do-
Rdai International	Export	Agricultural Products	- do-
Aiezer Global Enterprise	Export	Cotton Seed Oil Cake	- do-
SCOTTSDALE INTERNATHIONALE	Export	Chemicals	- do-
TANMOY BASAK	Export	Clothing	- do-
GARV	Export	Granite & Marfble	- do-
Confiance Overseas Exim LLP	Export	Fertilizers	- do-
Rex International	Export	Ferrous And Non-Ferrous Scrap	- do-
Oceanx International	Export	Fabrics	- do-
Niche Formulations	Export	Pharmaceutical Formulations	- do-
Juneja Detergent	Export	Detergent Powder and Soap	- do-
Amity Global Exim	Export	Food Products	- do-
Fahima Global Exports	Export	Pices And Leather Items	- do-
Kusoom Manufacture Exporter	Export	Kitchenware Product	- do-
Jny Overseas	Export	Clay Tandoor	- do-
Confiance Overseas Exim Llp	Export	Fertilizers	- do-
Indian Barrel	Export	Paper Bags	- do-
Dayglo Colour Corporation LLP	Export	Dyestuffs & Pigments	- do-
Glorious Enterprieses	Export	Non-Basmati Rice	- do-
Shivpriya Overseas	Export	Ginger	- do-

4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services, and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.:

(Max. 500 words)

S. No.	Particulars
1.	On 16 December 2024, Commerce and Industry Minister Mr. Piyush Goyal met Mr. Todd McClay, Trade Minister of New Zealand. Both Ministers discussed opportunities for mutual growth, enhancing bilateral trade ties, and fostering economic cooperation to further strengthen the partnership between both nations.

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 the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1.	Trade Promotion	On 7 January 2025, Second Secretary at the High Commission attended an online meeting with Mr. Thomas Rex Tandak, Acting Director General, Corporate Services Division & Office of the Director General, Ministry of Youth & Sport Development. The discussion highlighted opportunities for strengthening youth engagement and sports collaboration, while also exploring avenues to enhance trade relations between India and New Zealand through cultural and sporting exchanges.	
2.	Trade Promotion	On 14 January 2025, the High Commissioner met with Dr. Sharon Sonia, Scientist at Chancery. Their discussion focused on advancing scientific collaboration, with an emphasis on fostering innovation-driven partnerships that could enhance trade relations between India and New Zealand. They also explored opportunities for joint research collaborations and the role of the Joint Trade Committee in facilitating knowledge exchange, promoting sustainable development, and strengthening bilateral trade ties through science and technology initiatives.	
3.	Trade Promotion	On 16 January 2025, the High Commissioner met with Ms. Joanna Kempers, Divisional Manager - South and South East Asia Division, MFAT, to discuss potential opportunities for a business delegation to accompany the visit, aimed at strengthening trade ties between India and New Zealand. They explored avenues for fostering business collaborations across key sectors, further enhancing bilateral economic engagement.	
4.	Trade Promotion	On 16 January 2025, High Commissioner met Mr Sakthi Ranganathan of JIX Reality, Ms Sue McFarlane, & Prof Peter Barrett (founding director of the Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington) to explore further collaborations in Antarctic & scientific research.	

5.	Trade Promotion	On 24 January 2025, the High Commission of India organised a film festival to promote India films amongst Kiwi Indian diaspors in collaboration with Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt, Wellington.
6.	Trade Promotion	On 30 January 2025, the High Commissioner attended 7th ICWA – ANZF New Zealand India Research Institute Dialogue & delivered a key note speech. 7th Track II exchange was led by chief executive, Suzannah Jessep and supported by David Capie and John Boswell, the delegation focused on the changing landscape of geopolitics, perspectives on regional developments and the New Zealand-India bilateral relationship.
7.	Trade Promotion	On 31 January 2025, the High Commissioner met with Mr. Joseph Mayhew, South and South East Asia Division, MFAT, to discuss the upcoming VVIP visit. The discussion also highlighted the possibility of a business delegation accompanying the visit, aimed at exploring trade and investment opportunities between India and New Zealand. Both sides emphasized the importance of leveraging the visit to strengthen bilateral economic ties and promote sectoral collaborations.

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

BE for current financial year (Market Expansion Activities)	RE for current financial year	Amount utilized	Details of Activity (Max.200 words)
Rs. 11,00,000/-	-	Rs. 4,83,660/-	Aspen Institute of New Zealand

7. Action taken on the previous JWG, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):

S.No .	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1.	-Research -07 January 2025 -Online	Second Secretary at the High Commission attended an online meeting with Mr. Thomas Rex Tandak, Acting Director General, Corporate Services Division & Office of the Director General, Ministry of Youth & Sport Development. The discussion highlighted opportunities for strengthening youth engagement and sports collaboration, while also exploring avenues to enhance trade relations between India and New Zealand through cultural and sporting exchanges.
2.	-Economic - 14 January 2025 -Wellington	High Commissioner met with Dr. Sharon Sonia, Scientist at Chancery. Their discussion focused on advancing scientific collaboration, with an emphasis on fostering innovation-driven partnerships that could enhance trade relations between India and New Zealand. They also explored opportunities for joint research collaborations and the role of the Joint Trade Committee in facilitating knowledge exchange, promoting sustainable development, and strengthening bilateral trade ties through science and technology initiatives.
3.	-Trade -16 January 2025 -Wellington	High Commissioner met with Ms. Joanna Kempers, Divisional Manager - South and South East Asia Division, MFAT, to discuss potential opportunities for a business delegation to accompany the visit, aimed at strengthening trade ties between India and New Zealand. They

		explored avenues for fostering business collaborations across key sectors, further enhancing bilateral economic engagement.
4.	-Trade & Research -16 January 2025 -Wellington	High Commissioner met Mr Sakthi Ranganathan of JIX Reality, Ms Sue McFarlane, & Prof Peter Barrett (founding director of the Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University of Wellington) to explore further collaborations in Antarctic & scientific research.
5.	-Trade & Film -24 January 2025 -Wellington	High Commission of India organised a film festival to promote India films amongst Kiwi Indian diaspora in collaboration with Monterey Cinema, Upper Hutt, Wellington.
6.	-Trade & Economic -30 January 2025 -Christchurch	High Commissioner attended 7th ICWA – ANZF New Zealand India Research Institute Dialogue & delivered a key note speech. 7th Track II exchange was led by chief executive, Suzannah Jessep and supported by David Capie and John Boswell, the delegation focused on the changing landscape of geopolitics, perspectives on regional developments and the New Zealand-India bilateral relationship.
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8. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on quality and trade dispute:

Name of Foreign buyer/supplier	Address & contact details of foreign buyer/supplier	Name & address of Indian exporter/importer	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.
This issue was raised by the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI), Government of New Zealand, in June, under reference number 18-35/2016-PP.II-Part(1) (e-63228). It pertains to pest interceptions reported in cut flowers and foliage exported from India. APEDA has been advised to take necessary/ appropriate action to address this matter.				

9. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

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 issue of importance (Max. 500 words)

S.No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1.	Businesses have been requesting direct air connectivity between India & New Zealand. Following the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on air services between India and New Zealand, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India has recently designated “Air India Limited as India’s national carrier.	
