

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
December 2024

A. Trade in Goods

a) Total trade in goods (non-oil) during

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	Export (US \$ Million)	Import (US \$ Million)	Status Provisional (P) / Final (F)
Country's Trade with India	48.44 (Cumulative during Jan-Dec: 417.56)	86.44 (Cumulative during Jan-Dec: 824.61)	P
Country total global trade	978.04 (Cumulative during Jan-Dec: 10275.51)	1465.28 (Cumulative during Jan-Dec: 15609.55)	P

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

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)
-	Nil	NA	NA

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S. No.	Preferential / Free Trade Agreement with India	Preferential Exports to India (US\$ million)	Preferential Exports to World (US\$ million)
-	Nil	NA	NA

(Source: based on Certificate of Origin issued by reporting country)

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c) Top 10 items of Import from India during

S No	Commodity (8 Digit HS code)	Value (US \$ million)	Quantity	Unit of Measurement	% share in the total import of the commodity
1	BUTTER 04051000	11.13	2268045	KG	80
2	SEMI-FINISHED IRON AND STEEL, UNDER 0.25 PERCENT CARBON, RECT. 72071100	7.36	15906540	KG	100
3	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY	5.75	6623304.128	KG	84

	MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000				
4	PETROLEUM COKE CALCINED 27131200	3.49	9000000	KG	100
5	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, OVER 3000 CC 87032411	3.06	298	NO	21
6	FERRO-SILICO-MANGANESE 72023000	2.74	3024000	KG	100
7	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	1.83	140	NO	22
8	PICKUPS, TWO CABS, SPARK IGNITION, 5 TONS OR LESS 87043120	1.79	120	NO	19
9	BENTONITE 25081000	1.75	37313000	KG	97
10	Frozen shrimps and prawns, even smoked, whether in shell or not, incl. shrimps and prawns in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water (excl. cold-water shrimps and prawns) 03061700	1.19	311532	KG	55

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

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d) Top 10 items of export to India

S No	Commodity (8 Digit Hs Code)	Value (Us \$ Million)	Quantity	Unit Of Measurement	% Share In The Total Export Of The Commodity
1	UREA, WHETHER OR NOT IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION 31021000	11.80	33000019	KG	44
2	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	9.31	3285830	KG	4
3	METHANOL (METHYL ALCOHOL) 29051100	7.75	29486319	L	59
4	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	7.02	13548	T	91
5	Flattened aluminium alloys coils and strips of a thickness of 0.2 mm or more but not exceeding 0.4 mm 76061220	3.58	1214049	KG	40

6	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	3.46	620	T	36
7	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	1.49	778	T	91
8	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.59	5683350	KG	100
9	Waste and scrap of lead-acid accumulators; spent lead-acid accumulators 85491100	0.51	457	T	100
10	ROVINGS OF GLASS FIBERS 70191200	0.48	823167.97	KG	6

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

e) Potential item of imports from India

S No	Commodity (6 Digit HS code)	Rationale (Max 200 words)
1	Engineering Goods	In view of upcoming Infrastructure and energy projects including renewable Energy in Bahrain, there is a considerable scope to increase export of Engineering goods & project exports. There is export target of USD 233.9 million for engineering goods in FY 2024-25.
2	Pharmaceuticals (300220)	India's share in Bahrain's pharma market has remained less than 2% of its import. Patented medicines and foreign drug companies dominate the Bahraini pharmaceutical market. However, the generic drug sector is expected to grow as the government is looking to introduce mandatory health insurance scheme and control costs. This provides Indian pharma companies opportunity to make inroads in Bahraini market. Recognition of the Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) taken up by the Mission and the proposed annex to the MoU in Healthcare Sector promote to promote trade of pharmaceutical products may help in boosting the pharma exports .
3.	Electronic Goods (including mobile phone)	Smartphones are the single largest export items from China to Bahrain which is the largest exporting country to Bahrain. Similarly, other electronic goods constitute important part of Chinese export basket to Bahrain. With India emerging as hub for Smartphones and other electronic goods , there is considerable scope to increase our export of these products to Bahrain. Last year (2023-24), we realized USD 157.3 million export under this category which is 1144% of export target of USD 13.8 million. This trend may continue with sustained efforts.
4	Jewellery of gold (71131910)	Gold jewellery is among top ten import items of Bahrain of which our share last year was only 11%. However, considerable amount of Indian jewellery is coming through UAE which captures 54% of Bahraini market. There is scope to increase our direct export to Bahraini market given popularity of Indian designs and craftsmanship.

5	Organic and processed food products	There is considerable scope to increase export of organic food, processed cereals, protein bars, healthy beverages, dairy products etc.
6	Textile Products	Indian textiles are known for their quality and diverse range , appealing to Bahraini consumers. Hence there is considerable scope to increase export of verity of textile products such as cotton fabrics, garments, home textiles synthetic fabric, carpets and technical textiles. The Mission is conducting a market survey on textile products/materials in Bahrain with an objective to increase export of textile products/materials from India to Bahrain. This survey will develop a better understanding for enhancing trade of textile products/materials from India to Bahrain.
7	Renewable energy products	Bahrain is actively working towards diversifying energy sources, with solar power especially expected to generate up to 1,300 MW by 2040. So there will be a considerable scope to increase the export of renewable energy products and related investments from India to Bahrain.

B. Qualitative

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a. Alerts on customs tariff changes:

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period							

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

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period				

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
NIL during the period					

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, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
NIL during the period					

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
NIL during the period					

2. Feedback

a). Feedback from major Indian Industries/ other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to Bahrain.

S No.	Name of Business House	Activity Sector	Name(s) of large / key participants	General Feed Back (Max 200 words)
1	Visit of External Affairs Minister to Bahrain from 7-9 December 2024	Political	H. E Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, India	India's External Affairs Minister H.E Dr. S. Jaishankar Visited the Kindom of Bahrain on 07-09 December 2025. During the visit, EAM co-chaired the 4th Meeting of the India-Bahrain High Joint Commission (HJC) and also participated in the 20th edition of IISS Manama Dialogue. On 09th December 2025, EAM interacted with the Indian community in Bahrain.

b). Feedback from major trade activities including logistic events (trade fairs/ tourism events/ BSM including Indian participation) -

S No.	Activity (Trade fair)	Date and Venue	Name(s) of large / key participants	Feedback received
Nil				

c). Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM / local commercial establishments,

No	Activity (trade fair)	Date and Venue	List of large / key participants from Bahrain	Number of Business Visa issued	Feed Back received (Max 200 words)
1	Visit of Minister of Industry and Commerce to India	02-03 December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - H E Mr Abdulla Bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain - H E Mr. Mohammed Abdul Jabbar Al-Kooheji, Second Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors, BCCI - H E MR. Jameel Yousef Al-Ghanna, Member of Board of directors, BCCI - H E Mrs. Batool Mohammed Dadabhai, Member of Board of directors, BCCI - Mr. Ahmed Ismail Al-Alawi. Senior specialist for international partnerships, BCCI 		A high level delegation from the Ministry of Kingdom of Bahrain headed by Minister of Industry and Commerce H. E. Mr. Abdullah Bin Adel Fakhro visited the Republic of India from 01-03 December 2024 for the 29th edition of the CII Partnership Summit being organized by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) of India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry. On the sidelines of 29th CII Partnership Summit, H.E. Shri Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, India met with H.E. Mr. Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Bahrain & discussed opportunities for cooperation in the fields of industry, trade & investment.

D) Total business visa issued during the month of December, 2025 – 7

3. Trade & investment:

a. Significant Trends in trade & investment

S No	Category	Details of Significant Trends (200 Words)
1	Trade in Goods	<p>I) Global Trends for the period (December 2023 to December 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Global Imports by Bahrain: 0% ◆ Fall in Global Exports by Bahrain: -4% <p>II) Trends in Trade with India (December 2023 to December 2024)</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import from India : 9% ◆ Rise in Export to India : 1% <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (November 2024 to December 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import by Bahrain: 15% ◆ Rise in Export by Bahrain: 15% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (November 2024 to December 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Imports from India: 37% ◆ Rise in Exports to India: 33% <p>(Sources: https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter)</p>
2	Trade in Services	-----
3	Investment	<p>Total cumulative Indian investment in Bahrain stands roughly at USD 1.65 billion in (Q3) 2024. India is the 6th largest investor in Bahrain. (Source: EDB). There are about 7521 Indian companies registered in Bahrain, some with partnership. (Source : NV Ref 424/2020:MOFA,Bahrain) as on 22nd October 2020</p> <p>2) As per RBI/DIPP statistics, cumulative FDI equity inflows from Bahrain into India have registered marked increase in recent years [US\$ 186.89 mn from April 2000 TO December 2024)</p> <p>Source : (https://dpiit.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics)</p>

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

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset/company	Contact details
Nil			

c. Information on tender Notice for projects and procurement's of Interest to Indian Project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 million & above):

S.No.	Tender/procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/procurement
Nil			

(Tender notifications are available on: (<http://www.tenderboard.gov.bh>)

c. Trade Queries for Import / Export

No.	Enquiry originator	Products	Nature (Import/Export)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
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1	Indian Companies (attached at Annexure -I)	Mixed	Export	The Mission has received 140 trade queries from India during December 2024 . All the queries have been replied. The queries were mainly on food, ceramic & tiles, spices, pharmaceutical etc.
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4. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leader, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. Significant stories/features on India related trade, Investment, services and logistic sector, publications in foreign journals/details etc.

(i) (Daily Tribune/ Gulf Daily News/ BNA /Akhbar Al Khaleej/Al Watan/Al Ayam/Al Bilad 03.12.2024) Partnership Summit 2024 Economic Ties with India Discussed: His Excellency Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, headed the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain participating in the twenty-ninth edition of the Partnership Summit 2024, organized by the Federation of Indian Industry (CII) in cooperation with the Department of Industry Promotion and Internal Trade (DPIIT) of the Indian Ministry of Commerce and Industry in New Delhi, with the participation of representatives of countries and International companies from around the world.

(ii) (Al Ayam/Al Bilad 04.12.2024) During his participation in the 29th Partnership Summit of the Investment Institute 2024. Al-Kooheji: \$1 billion is the volume of trade exchange between Bahrain and India: Mohammed Abdul Jabbar Al-Kooheji, Second Vice President of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, stressed the strategic importance of economic relations between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of India, noting that they are a model for trade cooperation. This came during his chairmanship of the Bahrain Chamber delegation participating in the 29th Partnership Summit of the Investment Institute 2024 held in New Delhi, which includes members of the Chamber's Board of Directors, Jameel Al-Ghanna and Batool Dadabhai.

(iii) (BNA/Akhbar Al Khaleej/Al Watan/Al Bilad 04.12.2024) Within the framework of the 2024 Partnership Summit in New Delhi. Minister of Industry and Commerce meets a number of officials participating in the summit: Within the framework of the 29th Partnership Summit 2024 in the capital, New Delhi, His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhroo, Minister of Industry and Commerce, met with a number of senior officials in the friendly Republic of India, where His Excellency met with His Excellency Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India, and Mr. Subhrashansukhar Acharya, Chairman and Managing Director of the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), and Mr. Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

(iv) (The Daily Tribune / Gulf Daily News/BNA/Akbar Al Khaleej/ Al Watan / Al Bilad 08.12.2024) Jaishankar's visit to strengthen India-Bahrain ties: India's External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar arrived on 07.12.2024 to attend the 4th India-Bahrain High Joint Commission (HJC) with Bahrain's Foreign Minister H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani. Dr. Jaishankar will also be speaking at the concluding plenary session of the 20th IISS Manama Dialogue today.

(v) (The Daily Tribune / Gulf Daily News 09.12.2024) Middle East matters to India: India's Foreign Minister, His Excellency Dr. S. Jaishankar, emphasised the vital important of the Middle East to India's energy security, trade, and broader economic connectivity at the Concluding Plenary Dialogue titled "Whither Regional Strategic Cooperation".

(vi) (Al Watan 09.12.2024) In the seventh session of the "Manama Dialogue": Sustaining peace depends on defensive measures, development and mutual respect between countries: The seventh

session of the Manama Dialogue, which concluded its work on 08.12.2024, raised several questions about the importance of regional strategic cooperation, and where the compass of this cooperation is heading in the countries of the region, in which the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Abdullatif Al Zayani, the Minister of External Affairs of India, Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, and the National Security Advisor of the Czech Republic, Tomas Pojar, spoke.

(vii) (Al Ayam 09.12.2024) Czech Republic Ready to Help Gaza and Lebanon.. Indian Minister of State: \$180 billion is the volume of India's trade and 10 million Indians work in the region: Foreign Minister Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani stressed the importance of working effectively with partners in the Middle East to confront the challenges facing the region. Al Zayani, who was speaking at the last dialogue session of the "Manama Dialogue 2024" Forum, which concluded its work yesterday, and which was held under the title "Where is strategic cooperation heading?", said that despite the circumstances and challenges facing the region and the setbacks it has experienced, it is important to know how to cooperate effectively with partners in the Middle East to improve security, prosperity and the quality of life of our people.

(viii) (The Daily Tribune / Gulf Daily News/BNA 10.12.2024) Bahrain and India strengthen cooperation: Bahrain and India yesterday held the fourth ministerial meeting of their High Joint commission (HJC), chaired by His Excellency Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bahrain, and H.E. Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs of India.

(ix) (Gulf Daily News 11.12.2024) Tesla resumes search for India showroom site: Elon Musk's Tesla has resumed its search for showroom space in New Delhi, two sources told Reuters, in the first sign it is rethinking entering the Indian market after putting its investment plans on hold earlier this year.

(x) (Gulf Daily News 11.12.2024) India's sugar output set to hit record level: India is likely to produce a record amount of sugar in the next marketing year from October after millions for farmers expanded cane cultivation, encouraged by ample water supplies and declining prices of competing crops, farmers and industry officials told Reuters.

(xi) (Gulf Daily News India's gold imports to plunge in December : India's gold imports are poised for a sharp slowdown in December following record purchases in November, in the absence of any major festival and as rebounding prices prompt buyers to delay purchases trade and government officials said.

(xii) (Gulf Daily News 22.12.2024) Modi's Kuwait visit 'will boost bilateral relations': On the first visit of an Indian Prime Minister to Kuwait in 43 years, Narendra Modi praised the diaspora's contribution to global growth and said India has the potential to become the 'skill capital of the world'. Modi was addressing a large gathering of the Indian community at an event called 'Hala Modi' at the Shaikh Saad Al Abdullah Indoor Sports Complex in the city on the first day of his two-day visit.

(xiii) (Al Bilad 23.12.2024) 25.64% over last year Sales of Electric Vehicles rise in India: The number of electric vehicles sold in India this fiscal year has increased by 25% compared to the same months in the previous fiscal. Responding to a query, Minister of State for Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Verma said that 13.06 lakh electric vehicles were registered in the country between April 1 and November 30, 2024. This is 25.64% higher than the 10.39 lakh electric vehicles registered in the same months of the previous fiscal.

(xiv) (Gulf Daily News 25.12.2024) India's small businesses add 11m jobs in 2023-24: India's small businesses spanning the manufacturing, trade and services sectors added about 11 million jobs in the year to the end of September, with total employment rising to 120.6m from 109.6m the previous year, though wage growth was limited by high inflation.

5. Details of trade research, information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S. No	Nature of activity (trade research, information dissemination, seminars etc)	Details of Seminar conference (date/venue, no of participants) or research	Details of trade research(title of report executive summary, date of publication) (Max 200 words)
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1	International Buyer Seller Meeting (RBSM)	11th and 12th January, 2025	Information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain
2	"First GCC Law and Arbitration Week"	26-30 January, 2025	Information disseminated to Chambers in India
3	2nd edition of Startup Mahakumbh 2025	4-6 April 2025	Information disseminated to Chambers in Bahrain

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

BE for current financial year(2022-2023)	RE for current financial year	Amount Utilized	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,50,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)	Rs. 2,50,000	Rs. 44,243.64	Expenditure towards booklet printing- Import guidelines for food articles and directory of food importers of Bahrain
Rs 2,00,000 (Funds provided in Trade and Investment Promotion, MEA)			
Rs 3,00,000 Funds provided by MEA for Market Expansion Activity		Rs.1,75,084.27	<p>Expenditure towards Karnataka ODOP Wall in the Consular hall of the chancery.</p> <p>Expenditure towards advance payment of 30% to consultant towards market study on the textile sector in Bahrain.</p> <p>Expenditure towards payment for roll up banner with stand dekho apna desh people choice 2024</p> <p>Expenditure towards printing of 12 coffee table books on the content provided by the nest division, MEA</p>
Rs 2,00,000 Funds provided in State facilitation		Rs. 2,66,077.17	<p>Expenditure towards Odisha ODOP Wall and Tourism wall in the Consular hall of the chancery.</p> <p>Expenditure towards brochure printing on Odisha Tourism and exquisite products</p> <p>Expenditure towards Punjab ODOP Wall and Tourism wall in the Consular hall of the chancery.</p> <p>Expenditure towards brochure</p>

			<p>printing on Punjab Tourism and exquisite products</p> <p>Expenditure towards Himachal Pradesh ODOP Wall and Tourism wall in the Consular hall of the chancery.</p> <p>Expenditure towards brochure printing on Himachal Pradesh Tourism and exquisite products</p>
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7. Action taken on previous JWG's Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had follow up with host Government):

S No.	Details of JWG/JEC with date & Venue	Action Point (Max 200 words)	Action Taken (Max 200 words)
		NIL	

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.	Any Outcome
						NIL

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 issues for importance (Max 500 words)

(i) **New specifications for halal food certification introduced:** New specifications for halal food procedures and certification have been introduced in Bahrain. Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture Minister Wael Al Mubarak issued a ministerial edict outlining new general guidelines and technical standards for halal food certification in the kingdom. Under the new edict, specific technical criteria will govern the certification of halal food to ensure compliance with Islamic dietary laws.

(ii) **Automotive boom Nearly 36,000 cars imported in 2024:** Bahrain's automotive market experienced a significant surge in 2024, with customs data revealing that nearly 35,873 cars were imported between January and November, totaling BD201.8 million (approximately \$535 million).

This issues with the approval of Ambassador.

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