

Monthly report – Trade in Goods & Qualitative
Name of Mission (Country): Bahrain
April 2025

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	40.73 (Cumulative during Jan-April: 119.23)	74.77 (Cumulative during Jan-April: 289.11)	P
Country total global trade	897.85 (Cumulative during Jan-April: 3602.10)	1529.67 (Cumulative during Jan-April: 5589.69)	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	PETROLEUM COKE CALCINED 27131200	11.65	21000000	KG	99.84
2	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	4.5	5067963.516	KG	84
3	SEMI-FINISHED IRON AND STEEL, UNDER 0.25 PERCENT CARBON, RECT. 72071100	3.06	7490400	KG	100

4	TUBES, PIPES AND HOLLOW PROFILES, OF CAST IRON 73030000	3.02	4904945	KG	89
5	BUTTER 04051000	2.06	429472.585	KG	31
6	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	1.77	6788.2922	G	2
7	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	1.63	391032	KG	69
8	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, 1001 TO 1500 CC 87032211	1.53	103	NO	25
9	PICKUPS, TWO CABS, SPARK IGNITION, 5 TONS OR LESS 87043120	1.19	75	NO	14
10	REFINED SUGAR CRYSTALS 17019911	1.19	2010923	KG	43

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	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM ALLOYS 76012000	19.16	6488285	KG	7
2	METHANOL (METHYL ALCOHOL) 29051100	12.24	17042245	L	87
3	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	4.01	17915.5	T	92
4	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.74	6944910	KG	100
5	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	0.59	261	T	100
6	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	0.52	80	T	17
7	REFINED COPPER TUBES AND PIPES 74111000	0.50	50467	KG	4
8	RESIDUES CONTAINING MAINLY ALUMINIUM 26204000	0.44	3942	T	100

9	POWDERS OF NON-LAMELLAR STRUCTURE, ALUMINUM 76031000	0.40	104000	KG	17
10	WASTE AND SCRAP OF LEAD-ACID ACCUMULATORS; SPENT LEAD-ACID ACCUMULATORS 85491100	0.36	320	T	100

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.
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) has been taken up by the Mission and the proposed annex to the MoU in Healthcare Sector 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.
4	Jewellery of gold (71131910)	Gold jewellery is among top ten import items of Bahrain of which our share last year (2024) was only 10%. 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 conducted 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	Meeting with Kerala Medical Technology Consortium	Medical	- Mr. C Padmakumar, special officer Kerala Medical Technology Consortium - Mr. G Arun Govind-CEO & MD ARHC consultant WLL - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (First Secretary)	The meeting discussed Bahrain's manufacturing facilities, incentives, and potential collaboration opportunities with Kerala-based manufacturing companies
2	Meeting with Representatives of Matribhumi company.	Property	- Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (First Secretary)	The meeting discussed about the upcoming event Matribhumi Kerala property Expo to be held on 25/26 April 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
1	Inauguration ODOP Walls - Tamil Nadu	27 April 2025	-Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob - Mr. Ravi Kumar Jain (First Secretary) -Mr. Ranjeet Kumar (Attache)	Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob inaugurated the Tamil Nadu State Tourism and ODOP walls at the Consular hall of the Embassy in presence of Indian community members including Tamil Nadu, as part of the Focus State/UT program by Embassy of India, Bahrain.

2	Bab Al Bahrain Forum 2025	29 April 2025	- Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob	Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the “Bab Al Bahrain Forum 2025” is set to take place on Tuesday, April 29, at the Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay, under the theme: “Shaping a Sustainable Future Through Trade and Employment” The forum is an esteemed international platform bringing together leading decision-makers, representatives of global organizations, economic experts, and entrepreneurs.
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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)
			Nil		

D) Total business visa issued during the month of April, 2025 – 47

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 (April 2024 to April 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Global Imports by Bahrain: 20% ◆ Rise in Global Exports by Bahrain: 22% <p>II) Trends in Trade with India (April 2024 to April 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fall in Import from India : -4% ◆ Rise in Export to India : 37% <p>III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (March 2025 to April 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Import by Bahrain: 12% ◆ Rise in Export by Bahrain: 2% <p>IV) Monthly Trends with India (March 2025 to April 2025)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Rise in Imports from India: 14% ◆ Rise in Exports to India: 46%

		(Sources: https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter)
2	Trade in Services	-----
3	Investment	<p>Total cumulative Indian investment in Bahrain stands roughly at USD 1.78 billion in (Q4) 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\$ 186.97 mn from April 2000 TO March 2025) 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)
1	Indian Companies (attached at Annexure -I)	Mixed	Export	The Mission has received 133 trade queries from India during April 2025 . All the queries have been replied. The queries were mainly on food, ceramic & tiles, spices, pharmaceutical etc.

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. **(Gulf Daily News 01.04.2025) UAE reaches 26 trade deals under economic partnership initiative:** The UAE has signed five new trade deals so far in 2025, bringing the total number reached under its Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement programme to 26, reports Arab News. According to the state news agency WAM, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Kenya, as well as Ukraine and the Central African Republic, all signed deals in the first quarter of the year.

These agreements sit alongside those inked with countries such as Türkiye, India, and Indonesia since the CEPA programme was launched in September 2021.

- ii. **(Gulf Daily News 04.04.2025) India ‘studying impact’:** India said yesterday it was studying the impact of the 27 per cent tariff slapped by the US on its imports and vowed to push for a trade deal this year, signalling a conciliatory tone despite failing to get relief from President Donald Trump’s trade policy.
- iii. **(The Daily Tribune 04.04.2025) India eyes opportunity despite Trump tariffs hit:** India reacted cautiously yesterday to US President Donald Trump’s sweeping tariffs, with the government saying it was examining both “implications” and “opportunities” from the duty hikes. Indian stocks fell at the open of trading yesterday, with the benchmark Nifty index trading more than 0.3 percent down in the afternoon.
- iv. **(The Daily Tribune 05.04.2025) India, Chile strengthen ties in critical minerals and Antarctic research:** India and Chile are deepening collaboration in critical minerals and Antarctic research, officials announced during a special briefing held Tuesday on the sidelines of Chilean President Gabriel Boric Font’s state visit. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) highlighted Chile’s significance as a global supplier of critical minerals, with Secretary (East) P. Kumaran noting that the country produces 24% of the world’s copper and 30% of its lithium.
- v. **(Gulf Daily News/BNA 06.04.2025) India and UAE to develop energy hub in Sri Lanka:** India and the UAE agreed to develop an energy hub in Sri Lanka, India’s foreign ministry said yesterday, as New Delhi’s competition with China grows in the Indian Ocean island nation. The three nations signed the pact for the hub during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Sri Lanka, the first by a global leader since Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake took office in September.
- vi. **(BNA 08.04.2025) Dubai Crown Prince arrives in India on official visit:** His Highness Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Crown Prince of Dubai, Deputy Prime Minister, and Minister of Defence, has arrived in New Delhi, India, marking his first official visit to the country. During his visit, Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed will meet with India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior officials to discuss opportunities for enhancing bilateral cooperation and strengthening partnerships in key strategic sectors.
- vii. **(The Daily Tribune 08.04.2025) India's Adani opens giant Sri Lanka container terminal:** India's Adani Group said yesterday it had opened an \$800 million container terminal in Sri Lanka, right next to a similar facility operated by a Chinese company. The Adani development at Sri Lanka's main seaport in Colombo is widely seen as a counter to the rival Chinese terminal and as a means for India to secure a foothold at the strategic facility.
- viii. **(Al Bilad 09.04.2025) We will celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2027 Sethi: State Bank of India's operations in Bahrain among the largest in the world:** State Bank of India Chairman Challa Srinivasulu Sethi confirmed that the bank's operations in the Kingdom of Bahrain are the third largest international operations for the bank, which has an international operations budget of \$10 billion.
- ix. **(The Daily Tribune 10.04.2025) Embassy of India initiatives:** Shri Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, Chairman, State Bank of India visited the Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Bahrain. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob briefed about the embassy’s initiatives including the Focus State/UT, Visit Embassy Program and Embassy’s initiatives for rendering effective Consular services.
- x. **(The Daily Tribune 10.04.2025) UK and India meet to accelerate trade deal talks:** Britain and India meet on Wednesday to help secure a post-Brexit free trade deal, as UK finance minister Rachel Reeves urged an acceleration of trade agreements worldwide amid US tariffs. The UK has sought to bolster trade ties across the world since it left the European Union, and that need has only strengthened since US President’s Donald Trump’s sweeping tariffs have increased

economic uncertainty.

- xi. **(The Daily Tribune 10.04.2025) India central bank cuts interest rates as Trump tariffs kick in:** India's central bank cut interest rates in the world's fifth-largest economy yesterday as US President Donald Trump's tariffs kicked in and policymakers warned of "challenging global economic conditions". The cut, the second this year, aims to boost a slowing economy grappling with the impact Trump's sweeping tariffs.
- xii. **(Gulf Daily News 15.04.2025) India's polished diamond exports hit 20-year low:** India's exports of cut and polished diamonds plummeted to their lowest level in nearly two decades in the 2024-25 fiscal year, which ended in March, on sluggish demand from the US and China, a leading trade body said yesterday. Cut and polished diamond exports, which usually account for nearly half of overall gem and jewellery shipments, fell 16.8pc to \$13.3 billion year-on-year, the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said in a statement. The slump dragged down overall gem and jewellery exports by 11.7pc to \$28.5bn – a four-year low – from \$32.28bn the previous year.
- xiii. **(Gulf Daily News/The Daily Tribune 16.04.2025), Apple airlifted iPhones worth \$2 billion from India in March :** Apples main India suppliers Foxconn and Tata shipped nearly \$2 billion worth of iPhones to the US in March, an all-time high, as the US company airlifted devices to bypass President Donald Trump's impending tariffs, customs data shows.
- xiv. **(Gulf Daily News /The Daily Tribune/BNA 22.04.2025), Vance and Modi praise progress in India-US trade talks :** US Vice President JD Vance and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed significant progress in talks for an early trade deal between the two countries, their offices said yesterday, as New Delhi rushes to avoid US tariffs and boost ties with Trump's administration. Vance arrived in India yesterday for a largely personal fourday visit to the country with his family, which includes visiting the Taj Mahal and making a speech in the city of Jaipur.
- xv. **(The Daily Tribune/Akhbar Al Khaleej/BNA, 23.04.2025), Saudi and India vow to bolster relations :** Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud yesterday met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Al Salam Palace in Jeddah. An official reception ceremony was held for Modi and the two leaders held an official session of talks, Saudi Press Agency reported. Prince Mohammed and Modi also chaired the Saudi-Indian Strategic Partnership Council. India's prime minister landed in Jeddah earlier in the day for an official visit to the kingdom.
- xvi. **(BNA, 23.04.2025) Saudi Arabia and India agree in a joint statement on the importance of enhancing cooperation and coordination in international organizations :** The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and India welcomed the expansion of the Saudi-Indian Strategic Partnership Council to include four ministerial committees, through the addition of a ministerial committee for defense cooperation and a ministerial committee for cooperation in the fields of tourism and culture. In the joint statement issued at the conclusion of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia, the two countries agreed on the importance of enhancing cooperation and coordination between the two countries in international organizations and forums, including the G20, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank, to support efforts to address the challenges facing the global economy.
- xvii. **(The Daily Tribune, 25.04.2025)India, US have finalised terms of reference for proposed bilateral trade agreement: USTR Vance is the first US vice president to visit India in 12 years after Joe Biden visited New Delhi in 2013 :** India and the US have finalised the terms of reference outlining the roadmap for negotiations of the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA), according to a statement issued by the US U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer said that these ongoing talks will help achieve balance and reciprocity by opening new markets for American goods and addressing unfair practices that harm US workers. "India's constructive engagement so far has been welcomed, and I look forward to creating new opportunities for workers, farmers, and entrepreneurs in both countries,"

xviii. **(Gulf Daily News/Al Ayam 26.04.2025), Apple ‘moving to make most iPhones for America in India’** : Apple aims to make most of its iPhones sold in the US at factories in India by the end of 2026, and is speeding up those plans to navigate potentially higher tariffs in China, its main manufacturing base.

xix. **(The Daily Tribune, 29.04.2025) TCS boosts Deep-Tech with new offerings** : Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), one of the world's largest technology and consulting firms, has launched a set of new digital solutions aimed at accelerating innovation in artificial intelligence, cloud services, and cyber security.

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 report executive summary, date of publication) (Max 200 words)
		Nil	

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

BE for current financial year(2024-2025)	RE for current financial year	Amount Utilized	Details of Activity (Max 200 words)
Rs 2,00,000 (Funds provided in Trade Promotion, MOCI)		Nil	Nil

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:

2.	Ridit Global	Horse Heaven Feed & Riding Supplies	The payment against invoice no. R-46 dated 23.11.2023 for the amount USD 3831.20 is outstanding	EOI 09.04.2025	Mail sent to M/s Horse Heaven Feed & Riding Supplies to settle the matter amicably.
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10. Any other issues for importance (Max 500 words)

This issues with the approval of Ambassador.

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