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

A. Trade in Goods

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

0	8	2	0	2	5

	Export (US $ Million)	**Import (US $ Million)**	**Status Provisional (P) / Final (F)**
Country's Trade with India	21.95 (Cumulative during Jan-Aug: 236.39)	57.25 (Cumulative during Jan-Aug: 541.88)	P
Country total global trade	930.69 (Cumulative during Jan-Aug: 7174.33)	1301.59 (Cumulative during Jan-Aug: 10877.44)	P

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

b)Preferential trade in goods during

0	8	2	0	2	5

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)

0	8	2	0	2	5

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	SEMI-MILLED OR WHOLLY MILLED RICE, WHETHER OR NOT POLISHED OR GLAZED 10063000	4.54	4893420.2	KG	87
2	TUBES, PIPES AND HOLLOW PROFILES, OF CAST IRON 73030000	2.68	4045644	KG	71
3	OTHER SUPPORTED CATALYSTS 38151900	2.27	118950	KG	50

4	OTHER BONELESS MEAT OF BOVINE ANIMALS, FROZEN 02023090	2.05	471050	KG	61
5	JEWELLERY OF GOLD 71131910	1.94	14423.53	KG	8
6	OTHER poly(ethylene terephthalate) 39076900	1.69	1840000	KG	31
7	Other bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel. 72159090	1.15	368550.95	KG	65
8	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	1.03	413.033	T	63
9	BUTTER 04051000	1.02	202923	KG	37
10	PRIVATE CARS, CURRENT, SPARK IGNITION, OVER 3000 CC 87032411	0.93	81	NO	10

Source : Information & e Government Authority, Kingdom of Bahrain

0	8	2	0	2	5

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	7.28	2573976	KG	3
2	WASTE AND SCRAP OF TINNED IRON OR STEEL 72043000	3.47	8746	T	74
3	METHANOL (METHYL ALCOHOL) 29051100	2.04	9200643	L	20
4	FLATTENED ALUMINIUM ALLOYS COILS AND STRIPS OF A THICKNESS OF 0.2 MM OR MORE BUT NOT EXCEEDING 0.4 MM 76061220	1.91	598081	KG	21
5	ALUMINIUM WASTE AND SCRAP 76020000	1.42	672	T	95
6	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP 74040000	1.27	188	T	47
7	WASTE AND SCRAP OF LEAD-ACID ACCUMULATORS; SPENT	0.83	750	T	

	LEAD-ACID ACCUMULATORS 85491100				100
8	ROVINGS OF GLASS FIBERS 70191200	0.67	1288479.45	KG	10
9	OLD NEWSPAPERS 47079010	0.51	4111790	KG	100
10	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM, NOT ALLOYED 76011000	0.41	174662	KG	1

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

Month: 0 8 2 0 2 5

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)
NIL during the period				

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 of India Utsav at Dana Mall	13 August 2025	- Ambassador Shri Vinod K. Jacob	The festival featured cultural events, special promotions, and a variety of Indian products.

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 Aug, 2025 – 1

3. Trade & investment:

a. Significant Trends in trade & investment

S No	Category	Details of Significant Trends

		(200 Words)
1	Trade in Goods	I) Global Trends for the period (August 2024 to August 2025) ◆ Rise in Global Imports by Bahrain: 8% ◆ Rise in Global Exports by Bahrain: 10% II) Trends in Trade with India (August 2024 to August 2025) ◆ Rise in Import from India : 2% ◆ Rise in Export to India : 8% III) Monthly Global Trends for Bahrain (July 2025 to August 2025) ◆ Fall in Import by Bahrain: -10% ◆ Rise in Export by Bahrain: 5% IV) Monthly Trends with India (July 2025 to August 2025) ◆ Fall in Imports from India: -17% ◆ Fall in Exports to India: -35% (Sources: https://www.data.gov.bh/en/ResourceCenter)
2	Trade in Services	-------
3	Investment	Total cumulative Indian investment in Bahrain stands roughly at USD 1.87 billion in (Q2) 2025. 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 2) As per RBI/DIPP statistics, cumulative FDI equity inflows from Bahrain into India have registered marked increase in recent years [US$ 187 mn from April 2000 to June 2025) Source : (https://dpiit.gov.in/publications/fdi-statistics)

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 **181** trade queries from India during **August 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 01.08.2025), Indian state refiners stop Russian oil purchases:** Indian state refiners have stopped buying Russian oil in the past week as discounts narrowed this month and US President Donald Trump warned countries not to purchase oil from Moscow, industry sources said. India, the world's third-largest oil importer, is the biggest buyer of seaborne Russian crude, a vital revenue earner for Russia as it wages war in Ukraine for a fourth year. The country's state refiners – Indian Oil Corp, Hindustan Petroleum Corp, Bharat Petroleum Corp and Mangalore Refinery Petrochemical Ltd – have not sought Russian crude in the past week or so, four sources familiar with the refiners' purchase plans told Reuters. On July 14, Trump threatened 100 per cent tariffs on countries that buy Russian oil unless Moscow reaches a major peace deal with Ukraine. Indian refiners are pulling back from Russian crude as discounts shrink to their lowest since 2022, when Western sanctions were first imposed on Moscow, due to lower Russian exports and steady demand, sources said.

ii. **(Gulf Daily News 02.08.2025), India engaged in further talks :** India is engaged in trade talks with the United States, an Indian government source with knowledge of the discussions said yesterday, a day after US President Donald Trump signed an order imposing a 25 per cent tariff on New Delhi's exports. A US delegation is expected to visit New Delhi later this month, the government source said. "We remain focused on the substantive agenda that our two countries have committed to and are confident that the relationship will continue to move forward," India's foreign ministry said in a statement yesterday.

iii. **(Gulf Daily News 03.08.2025), India 'will continue to buy oil from Russia' :** India will keep purchasing oil from Russia despite US President Donald Trump's threats of penalties, two Indian government sources told Reuters yesterday, not wishing to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter. On top of a new 25 per cent tariff on India's exports to the US, Trump indicated in a Truth Social post last month that India would face additional penalties for purchases of Russian arms and oil. On Friday, Trump told reporters he had heard that India would no longer be buying oil from Russia. But the sources said there would be no immediate changes.

iv. **(The Daily Tribune 05.08.2025), Trump says to raise tariff on India over Russia oil purchases:** President Donald Trump threatened yesterday to "substantially" hike US tariffs on goods from India over its purchases of Russian oil -- a key source of revenue for Moscow's war on Ukraine. Trump's heightened pressure on India comes after he signaled fresh sanctions on Moscow if it did not make progress by Friday towards a peace deal with Kyiv, more than three years since Russia's invasion. Moscow is anticipating talks with the US leader's special envoy Steve Witkoff, who is expected to meet President Vladimir Putin this week. On Monday, Trump said in a post to his Truth Social platform that India was "buying massive amounts of Russian Oil" and selling it for "big profits." "They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine," Trump added. "Because of this, I will be substantially raising the Tariff paid by India to the USA."

v. **(The Daily Tribune 06.08.2025), Philippines' Marcos strikes defence deals in India :** The Philippines and India signed a raft of security deals yesterday aimed at strengthening strategic ties between the nations as they navigate tensions with China across the Asia-Pacific. The leaders agreed deals including bolstering ties between their respective armed forces the army, and air force as well as their navies with Indian warships currently taking part in patrols of the disputed South China Sea with their Philippine counterparts for the first time.

vi. **(The Daily Tribune 08.08.2025), India's Modi unwilling to compromise on agriculture as US tariff war escalates:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said yesterday he would not compromise on the agriculture sector, a day after US President Donald Trump announced 50% tariffs on Indian goods. Washington announced the hike in levies on Wednesday, citing New Delhi's purchasing of Russian oil, a key revenue source for Moscow's war in Ukraine. For New Delhi, one of the main sticking points in trade negotiations has been Washington's demand to access India's vast agricultural and dairy market. India has remained steadfast about its labour-intensive agricultural sector, unwilling to risk angering farmers, a powerful voting bloc. "We will not compromise with the interests of our farmers, our dairy sector, our fishermen," Modi said during a speech at a conference in New Delhi, his remarks widely seen as his first public response to the tariffs.

vii. **(The Daily Tribune 14.08.2025), How India has become the world's smart phone making powerhouse:** India is now the United States' biggest supplier of smart phones. New data shows that New Delhi has surpassed Beijing as Washington's top supplier of smart phones. What made this possible? Apple shifting its operations to India in the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic and President Donald Trump's ongoing tariff wars. Data from research firm Canalys showed that India's smart phone shipments to the US increased by a whopping 240 per cent in the second quarter of 2025. These phones now comprise around 44 per cent of all smart phones sent to the US.

viii. **(Gulf Daily News 17.08.2025) US cancels India trade talks :** The India-US negotiations for a trade deal, which began in February after Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the United States, have come to a halt, and the US negotiators' scheduled visit to India later this month stands cancelled, a source aware of the development told The Indian Express. The breakdown in trade talks assumes significance as US President Donald Trump has announced 50 per cent tariff on Indian products, the highest on any country globally. While 25 per cent tariff has already come into effect, government officials have said the levy of another 25 per cent – for Russia oil trade – could depend on "how geopolitical events unfold".

ix. **(Gulf Daily News 20.08.2025) India suspends 11pc cotton import duty amid US tariffs :** India has suspended an 11 per cent import duty on cotton until September 30, in a move seen as a signal to Washington that New Delhi is willing to address US concerns on agricultural tariffs, while also easing pressure on its garment industry. The temporary suspension, announced late on Monday, could benefit US cotton growers and provide relief to India's apparel sector, which faces tariffs of nearly 60pc on shipments to the US from later this month.

x. **(Al Bilad 21.08.2025) France agrees with India to boost economic ties :** French President Emmanuel Macron said on Thursday that he had spoken with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the two leaders coordinating their positions on the war in Ukraine. Macron added that on trade issues, the two leaders agreed to strengthen economic exchanges and strategic partnerships. India has come under pressure from the United States over its purchases of Russian oil and goods from the country are facing additional tariffs of up to 50%, among the highest imposed by Washington, over the issue, according to Reuters.

xi. **(The Daily Tribune 22.08.2025) India's industrial real estate soars on manufacturing boom :** India's industrial and logistics (I&L) real estate market is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by a renewed manufacturing push, supportive policy incentives, and a strategic shift towards asset-light models. Data from JLL India reveals a new benchmark set in the first half of 2025, with manufacturing space leasing surging to 9.0 million square feet, a 38 percent increase

from the 6.5 million square feet recorded in the same period of 2024. This figure represents a nearly six-fold rise compared to pre-pandemic levels in H1 2019.

xii. **(Gulf Daily News 22.08.2025) India and Russia agree to boost trade relations : ndia and Russia agree to boost trade relations :**India and Russia agreed to boost trade ties yesterday as their foreign ministers met in Moscow, giving little indication that US President Donald Trump's hefty tariffs on India for buying Russian oil would disrupt their relations. Indian goods face additional US tariffs of up to 50 per cent, among the highest imposed by Washington, due to New Delhi's increased purchases of Russian oil."We have good results in cooperation in the hydrocarbon sector, in the supply of Russian oil to the Indian market. And we have a mutual interest in implementing joint projects for the extraction of energy resources, including in the Russian Federation – in the Far East and on the Arctic shelf," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said at a joint news conference with Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar.

xiii. **(Gulf Daily News 22.08.2025) India approaching trade issue with 'very open mind' :** India will address its future trade relationship with the United States with a "very open mind", Trade Minister Piyush Goyal said yesterday, just days before heavy extra US tariffs are due to hit imports from the country. India-US trade talks collapsed over India – the world's fifth-largest economy – resisting opening its vast agricultural and dairy sectors. Bilateral trade between the two countries is worth over $190 billion. Indian exports face US duties of up to 50 per cent – among the highest imposed by Washington – after President Donald Trump announced extra tariffs as a punishment for New Delhi's increased purchases of Russian oil. Currently, a 25pc tariff on the import of Indian goods into the US has come into effect, while the remaining 25pc is set to be enforced from August 27.

xiv. **(The Gulf Daily News 24.08.2025) India says US trade talks still going on as fresh tariffs loom :** India's foreign minister said yesterday that trade negotiations with Washington are continuing but there are lines that New Delhi needs to defend, just days before hefty additional US tariffs are due to hit. Indian goods face additional US tariffs of up to 50 per cent, among the highest imposed by Washington, due to its increased purchases of Russian oil. A 25pc tariff has already come into effect, while the remaining 25pc is set to be enforced from August 27.

xv. **(Al Bilad 29.08.2025) India increases US oil purchases, and reduce trade deficit :** Indian refiners have increased their purchases of US crude oil this month, attracted by competitive prices, a move that could help to reduce the trade deficit with the United States amid tensions between the two countries, trade sources said. The sources added that Indian Oil Corp., the country's largest refiner, purchased 5 million barrels of US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for October and November delivery through a tender. Other sources said this came after another state-owned refiner, Bharat Petroleum Corp., purchased 2 million barrels of WTI, and private refiner Reliance Industries bought 2 million barrels of crude from Vitol, according to Reuters.

xvi. **(The Daily Tribune 30.08.2025) India economic growth beats forecasts :**

Reaffirms India's position as the fastest-growing major economy.

- Growth increased from the 7.4% recorded in the previous quarter
- Gross domestic product grew 7.8% in the three months • Trump has slapped 50% tariffs on most Indian products.

India's economy grew at a faster pace than expected in the April to June quarter, official data showed yesterday, although US tariff concerns have clouded the outlook for the remaining fiscal year. Gross domestic product grew 7.8% in the three months that ended June 30, from the same period a year earlier, statistics ministry data showed. Growth increased from the 7.4% recorded in the previous quarter, beating market expectations of 6.7%.

xvii. **(The Daily Tribune 30.08.2025) Japan pledges $68 billion investment in India:** Japan pledged Friday to invest $68 billion in India during a visit by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Tokyo, as the two countries agreed to deepen security ties."India's massive market is so full of potential that incorporating its vibrancy will help drive the growth of Japan's economy," Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba told reporters. Bilateral trade is currently worth over $20 billion

annually, heavily favouring Japan.

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)
1	49th edition of India Carpet Expo	11th & 14th October 2025 at Bhadohi, UP, India	Information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain
2	Alumex India 2025	10th & 13th September 2025 At Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.	Information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain
3	Buyer Seller Meet by FIEO	2nd week of October 2025@Puducherry, near Tamil Nadu & 10th, 11th & 12th September 2025	Information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain
4	Hosted Buyer Programme by SME Forum	3rd & 4th Oct at Delhi , 6th & 7th October 2025 at Pune, Maharashtra.	Information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain
5	Bharat International Rice Conference	30th to 31st October 2025 at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi, India	information disseminated to Chambers and importers in Bahrain

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

BE for current financial year(2025-2026)	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
Rs. 3,00,000.00 (Funds provided in Market Expansion activity, MEA)		Nil	Nil
Rs. 5,50,000.00 (Funds provided in State facilitation, MEA)		Rs.1,81,726.27	Expenditure towards sticker printing and affixing-Tamil Nadu tourism and ODOP in the Consular hall of the Chancery. Expenditure towards payment for making roll up banner with stand -Bihar & Jharkhand. Expenditure towards payment for Brochure printing Jharkhand tourism and Exquisite products. Expenditure towards payment for making of sticker and affixing-Bihar and Jharkhand tourism and ODOP.

7. Action taken on previous JWGs' 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
1.	Shan Agro Inc. (India)	Fast circles marketing and services Manama	Outstanding payment of USD 12544 was not paid by the buyer against the goods exported in November 2023.	EOI	Informed Shan Agro Inc to register grievance with BCCI portal .
2.	Alyna International Private Limited	Anu Traders Company WLL	The payment against invoices dated 20.11.2023 with a credit period of 60 days for the amount USD 2054 is outstanding	EOI	Informed Alyna International to register grievance with BCCI portal.

3.	D'decor Home Fabrics Private Limited	Aali furniture	Outstanding payment of USD 20800.380 was not paid by the buyer against the fabrics exported.	EOI	The company informed us that, business is very low and has financial constraint. Further, informed the complainant to register the grievance with BCCI portal,

10. Any other issues for importance (Max 500 words)

This issues with the approval of Ambassador.

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