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## **MESSAGE**

I am glad to know that EEPC India is organizing the 52<sup>nd</sup> and 53<sup>rd</sup> EEPC India National Awards to honour the exporters for their significant achievements

- 2. India exhibited positive growth of 13.84 percent in merchandise exports in FY23 as it reached USD 447.76 billion. In FY22, India's merchandise exports were USD 422 billion. The remarkable feat reflects the competitiveness and resilience of Indian businesses in the global market.
- 3. However the slowdown in global trade will affect Indian exports, and the government has taken important policy measures to improve the resilience of the external sector. The National Logistics Policy would ease domestic frictions and reduce the cost of internal logistics to encourage Indian exports, while the latest free trade agreements with countries such as UAE and Australia would address external frictions and create opportunities for exports at concessional tariffs and non-tariff barriers. India is also in the process of signing more FTAs with the EU, UK and GCC countries, which would enhance exports. Overall, these measures will help create an export-friendly ecosystem over time and ensure India's growth trajectory.
- 4. The Department of Commerce will continue to extend all assistance to the exporting community. I congratulate all the winners of the awards and also convey my best wishes to EEPC India for organizing this prestigious event.

(Vipul Bansal)