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As we unveil the new Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023, I am pleased to share with all exporters our vision for integrating India with the global markets and making it a reliable and trusted trade partner. Our policy is aimed at building a future-ready India that aligns with our Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi's strategic vision of making it one of the top exporting nations in the *Amrit Kaal*.

Our approach to the FTP 2023 is to gradually move away from the incentive-based regime and create an enabling ecosystem to support the philosophy of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' and 'Local goes Global'. We are focusing on e-commerce exports, district level export initiatives, and easing guidelines to promote high technology exports. We emphasize the need for a collaborative partnership with State Governments to build and encourage export promotion at the district level through awareness, capacity building, outreach, and infrastructure upgradation. This will enable trade and industry to realize its true potential.

As we are witnessing a significant change in the international trade landscape, we are committed to making India a significant partner in world trade with its inclusion in the global value chains. India has inked 13 Free Trade Agreements along with six limited-coverage Preferential Trade Agreements, and we are negotiating new trade agreements with the European Union, the UK, Canada, and other countries on a fast-track basis.

The FTP 2023 introduces a one-time Amnesty Scheme for exporters to close old pending authorizations and start afresh. We encourage recognition of new towns through "Towns of Export Excellence Scheme" and exporters through "Status Holder Scheme". Our policy is facilitating exports by streamlining popular schemes like Advance Authorization and EPCG schemes and enabling merchanting trade from India.

The FTP 2023 is focused on process re-engineering and automation to facilitate ease of doing business for exporters. It also prioritizes emerging areas like dual-use high-end technology items under SCOMET, collaborating with States and Districts for export promotion, and facilitating e-commerce exports.

As we continue to undertake measures to enhance production, productivity, and attract investments to create jobs, we are confident that India will achieve its strategic vision of becoming an export hub globally. We look forward to working together with all exporters to realize this vision and strengthen India's position in the global trade landscape.

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