

Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) Scheme

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Why in News?

The Government has expanded the RELIEF Scheme coverage to include Egypt and Jordan amid evolving geopolitical tensions in West Asia and disruptions in maritime logistics.

- **Aim** - To provide a financial and operational safety net for Indian exporters.
- **Type** - Central Sector Scheme under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).
- **Launched in** - March 2026.
- **Nodal Ministry** - Ministry of Commerce & Industry.
- **Implementing Agency** - Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC).

ECGC - Provides credit insurance to Indian exporters against risks such as buyer default (non-payment), political risks (war, civil unrest, currency restrictions), and commercial risks (insolvency, protracted default)

- **Duration** - Time-bound intervention (initially notified for shipments between February and June 2026).
- **Objectives**
 - Mitigate logistics costs and maritime risk exposure.
 - Provide calibrated insurance and financial support to exporters.
 - Ensure supply chain resilience and sustain trade flows.
 - Support MSME exporters disproportionately affected by freight surcharges.
- **Coverage**

- **Exports to Gulf and West Asia countries** - UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain, Iraq, Iran, Yemen.
- **Newly added** - Egypt and Jordan.

Key Features	
Component I	Maintains pre-disruption premium rates for ECGC-covered consignments (Feb 14-Mar 15, 2026) with enhanced cover up to 100% for war-related risks.
Component II	Provides up to 95% loss coverage for consignments (Mar 16-Jun 15, 2026); includes exporters obtaining fresh ECGC Whole Turnover Policies post Mar 16, 2026.
Component III	Targets uninsured MSME exporters; cap of Rs. 50 lakh per exporter for affected shipments.
External Support	Reimbursement assistance for extraordinary freight and insurance surcharge burdens.
Policy Circular	Clarified eligibility - for new ECGC policyholders under Component II.

- **Beneficiaries**

- **Primary** - MSME exporters, insured exporters, new ECGC policyholders.
- **Secondary** - Logistics providers, shipping companies, wider export ecosystem.

References

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