# 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 | |
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| **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.

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