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# Government Launches ₹497 Crore 'RELIEF' Scheme to Support Exporters Amid Middle East Conflict

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The Government of India launched the RELIEF (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) Scheme with an outlay of ₹497 crore.

The scheme aims to support Indian exporters affected by the ongoing conflict in West Asia/Middle East.

## **It addresses challenges such as:**

Rising freight costs

Increased insurance premiums

Shipping delays and disruptions

## **Objective of the Scheme**

To ensure continuity of exports and prevent trade disruptions.

To protect India's market share in Gulf and West Asian regions.

To enhance resilience of exporters, especially MSMEs.

## **Key Features of RELIEF Scheme**

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The scheme has three major components:

Support for existing shipments (protection & obligation relief)

Enhanced insurance coverage for future exports

Special support for MSMEs facing cost pressures

Implemented through the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC).

Provides higher risk coverage (up to ~95–100%) in certain cases.

Includes daily monitoring mechanism for trade disruptions.

### **Coverage Area**

Focus on Gulf and West Asia trade corridors.

Covers exports to around 17 countries, including major Gulf nations.

### **Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC)**

Established in 1957

Chairman & MD: Sristiraj Ambastha

Under Ministry of Commerce & Industry

### **Provides:**

Export credit insurance

Protection against commercial & political risks

### **Export Promotion Mission (EPM)**

Announced in Union Budget 2025-26

Aim: Boost India's exports and global competitiveness

RELIEF scheme is part of this mission

### **Importance of West Asia for India**

Accounts for significant share of India's exports (~\$100 billion annually)

Major source of:

Crude oil & energy imports

Key trade route via Strait of Hormuz

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## **Impact of Middle East Conflict**

Disruption in shipping routes & logistics

Increase in war-risk insurance premiums

Surge in freight costs (up to 90–100% in some routes)