

Exporters seek Rodtep scheme extension

Urge scheme be extended to export-oriented units, SEZs till Sep-end

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Amid global economic uncertainties, the industry has urged the government to extend key export-boosting scheme Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (Rodtep) for export-oriented units (EOUs) and special economic zones (SEZs) till September-end.

Currently, the Rodtep scheme for exports from the domestic tariff area (DTA), or the domestic market, is in place

till September 30 this year. However, in the case of SEZs, EOUs and advance authorisation (AA) holders, the scheme expired on December 31 last year.

The Rodtep scheme refunds the embedded non-creditable central, state and local levies paid on inputs to exporters to boost India's exports. The scheme came into effect in 2021, but was extended to additional export sectors — SEZs, EOUs, and AA holders — only from March 11, 2024 to “help the exporting community in handling the international

headwinds”.

In a letter to expenditure and commerce secretaries, the Export Promotion Council for EOUs and SEZs (EPCES) has said that there is “no justification” for denying the Rodtep benefits to one set of exporters — EOUs, SEZs, and AA holders.

The EPCES also pointed out that in case of a budget constraint, the Rodtep scheme should be limited to limited sectors and products only, instead of a small set of exporters being put to disadvantage.