Cabinet approves ECGC listing, ₹6,000 crore for export cover

Decisions will spur exports, create additional 62 lakh jobs: Commerce Ministry

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The Cabinet on Wednesday approved an infusion of more than ₹6,000 crore into entities providing export insurance cover to facilitate additional exports worth in excess of ₹5.6 lakh crore over the next five years. It also approved the listing of staterun Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) on the stock exchanges.

Apart from spurring exports, these decisions will al-



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so create close to 62 lakh more jobs, the Commerce Ministry said in a statement after the Cabinet meeting.

"By September 21, India's exports had touched \$185

billion [in 2021-22]. This is the highest in India's history in the first six months of a financial year and 10 days are still remaining," said Commerce, Industry and Textiles Minister Piyush Goyal.

"The Cabinet has decided to give the ECGC ₹4,400 crore as capital, which will enable it to provide insurance policies worth ₹88,000 crore," he said, adding that 97% of ECGC beneficiaries were micro, small and medium enterprises.