



India's Trade Facilitation Reforms - TFA and Beyond

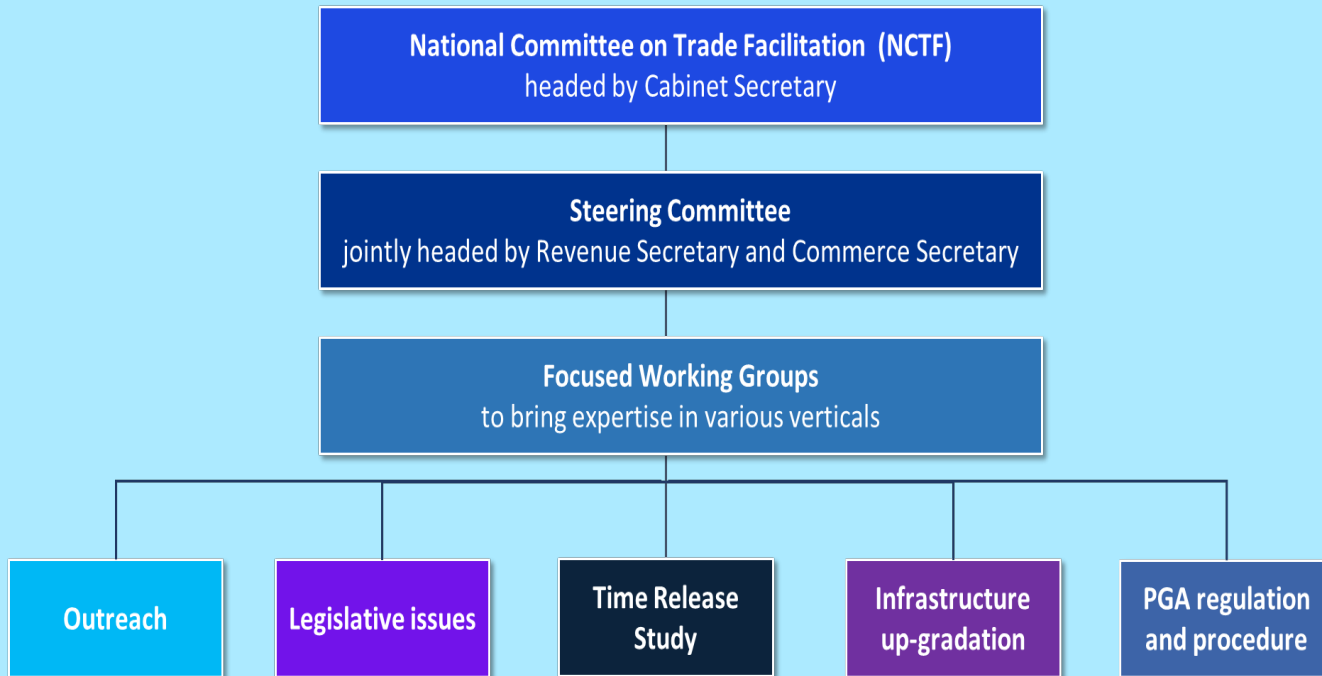


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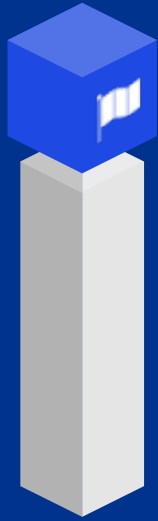
Institutional mechanism for Trade Facilitation – India's NCTF

Article 23.2 of TFA: Each Member shall establish and/ or maintain a national committee on trade facilitation or designate an existing mechanism to facilitate both domestic coordination and implementation of the provisions of this Agreement



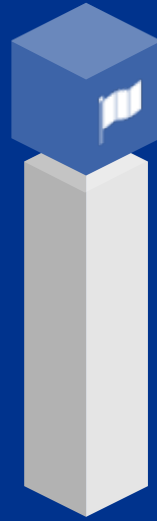
- Structure of NCTF is **all inclusive** with the representation from **private industry, women traders** and **government stakeholders** from various line Ministries.
- NCTF follows a **goal-based approach** and acts as the custodian of trade facilitation in the country
 - ✓ Develop and implement **National Trade Facilitation action plan**
 - ✓ Conducts **evaluative TRS studies** to measure the impact on release time
 - ✓ Conducts **Surveys** to evaluate the perception of trade

Commitments under WTO TFA



Category A (72%)

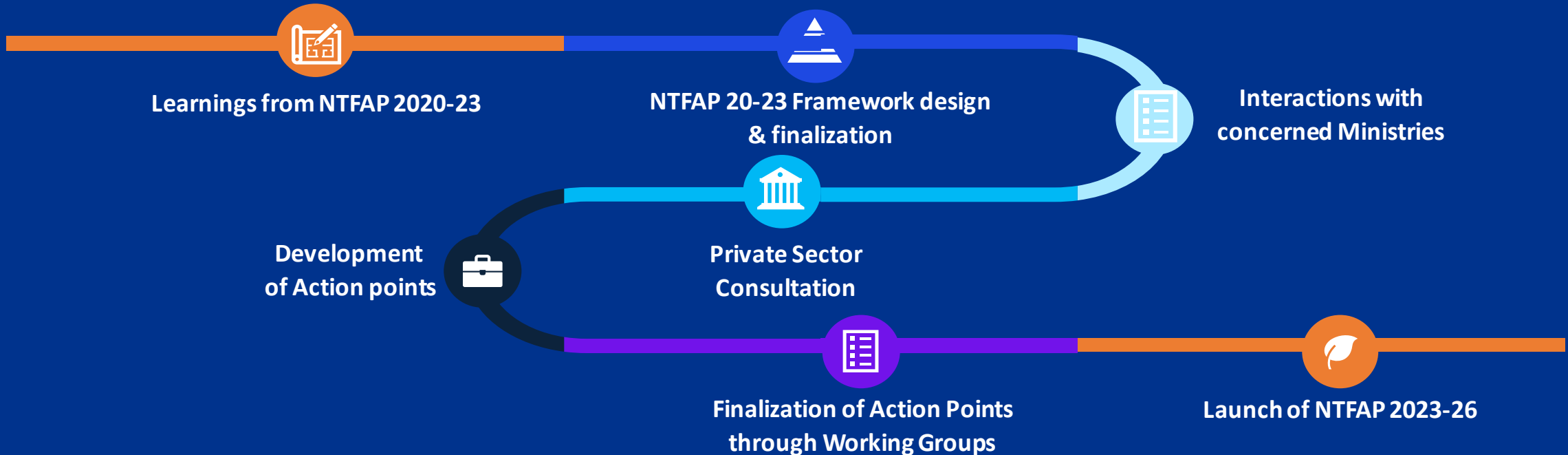
Commitments which India was complying with, on the date of ratification of TFA



Category B (28%)

Commitments which were to be complied in time period of 5 years

India has been implementing TF plus measures since 2017 through creation of NTFAP 2017-20 and NTFAP 2020-23. Now India is in the process of **drafting NTFAP 2023-26** to take it forward.



Regulatory Reforms - beyond TFA

Indian customs introduced the '**Turant Customs**' programme as a key initiative to enable faster clearance and reduce the cost as well as compliance burden involved in the EXIM trade.

Faceless Customs

- Anonymous Customs Assessment
- Remote Customs Assessment
- Uniform Customs Assessment
- Faster Customs Assessment

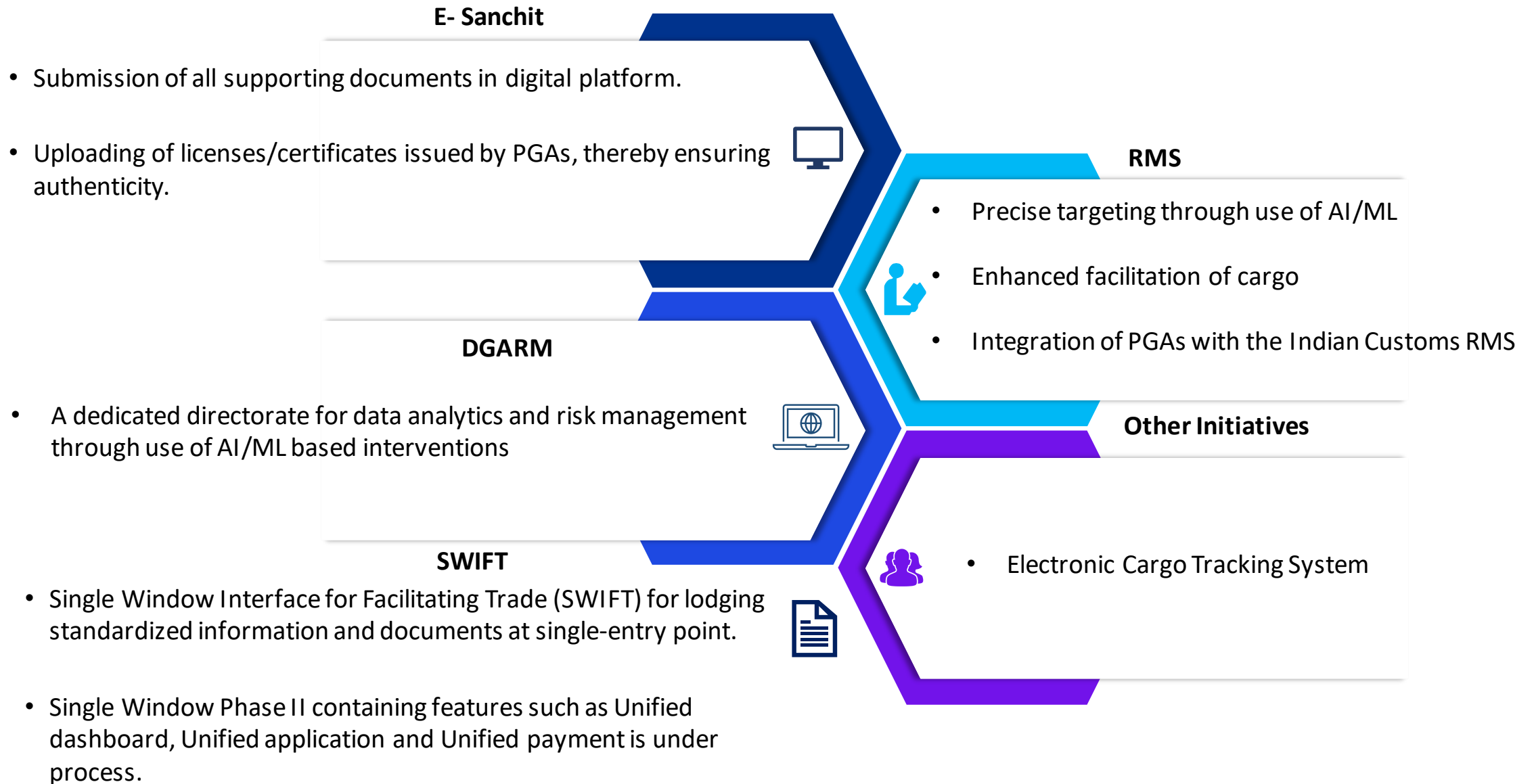
Paperless Customs

- Electronic submission of all supporting documents on E-sanchit platform
- Provision of NOC through SWIFT platform for clearance of Imports.

Contactless Customs

- Web based goods registration by importer
- Automated queuing and machine enabled customs out of charge
- Online video interface only when necessary
- Turant Seva Kendra for document verification

Technology Reforms - beyond TFA



Infrastructural Reforms- beyond TFA

PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan addresses last mile road and rail connectivity between economic zones and customs ports



100% RFID Based EXIM Containers tracking in Country

Focus on promoting non Intrusive examination of cargo through installation of scanners



Infrastructure Improvement

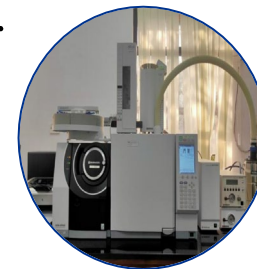


Conversion of Land Customs Stations to Integrated Check Posts which houses all regulatory agencies, such as immigration, customs and border security at one place

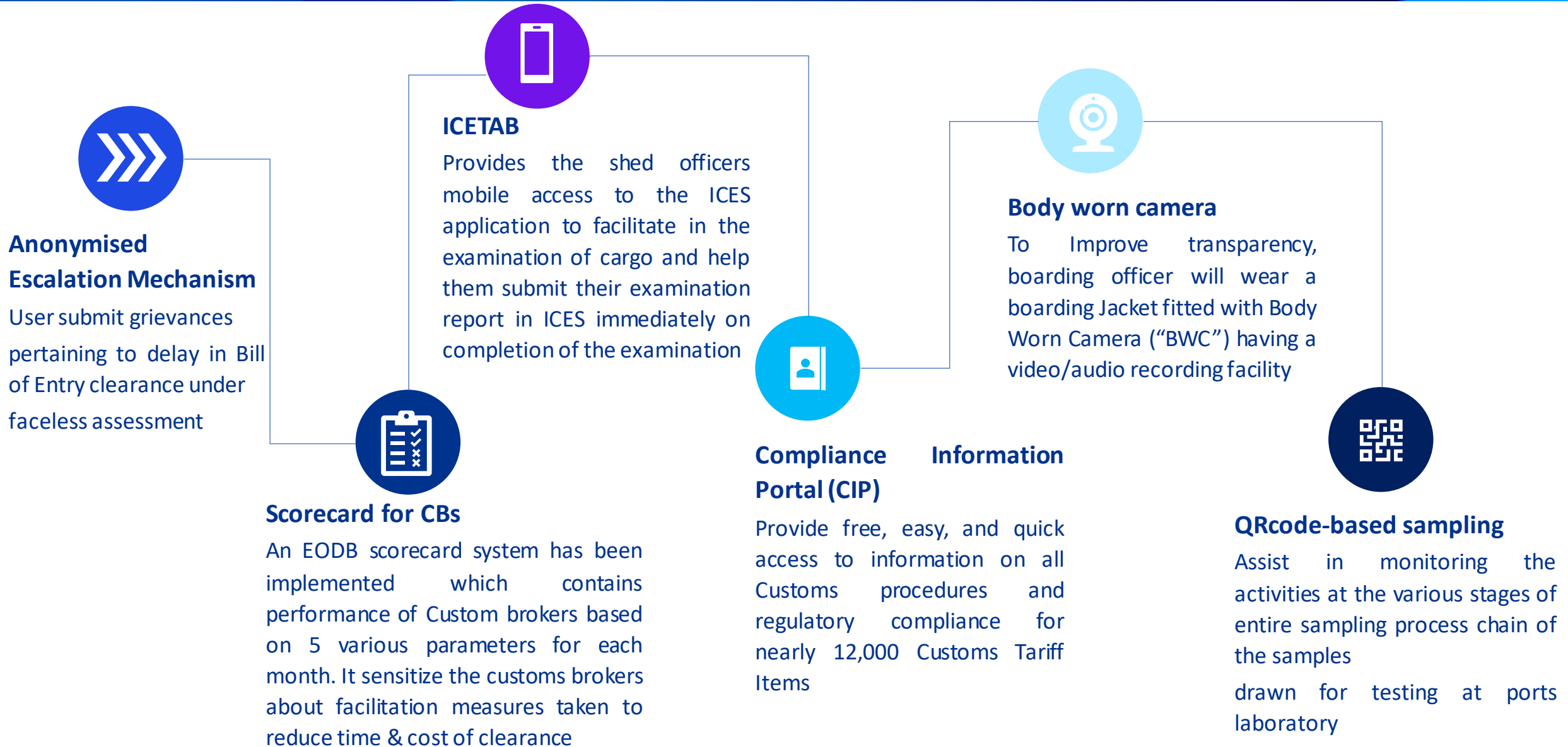
DPD and DPE Infrastructure in form of Container yards at ports and Centralized parking plaza (CPP) for faster clearance of Factory Stuffed containers



Upgradation of Central Revenues Control Laboratories (CRCL)

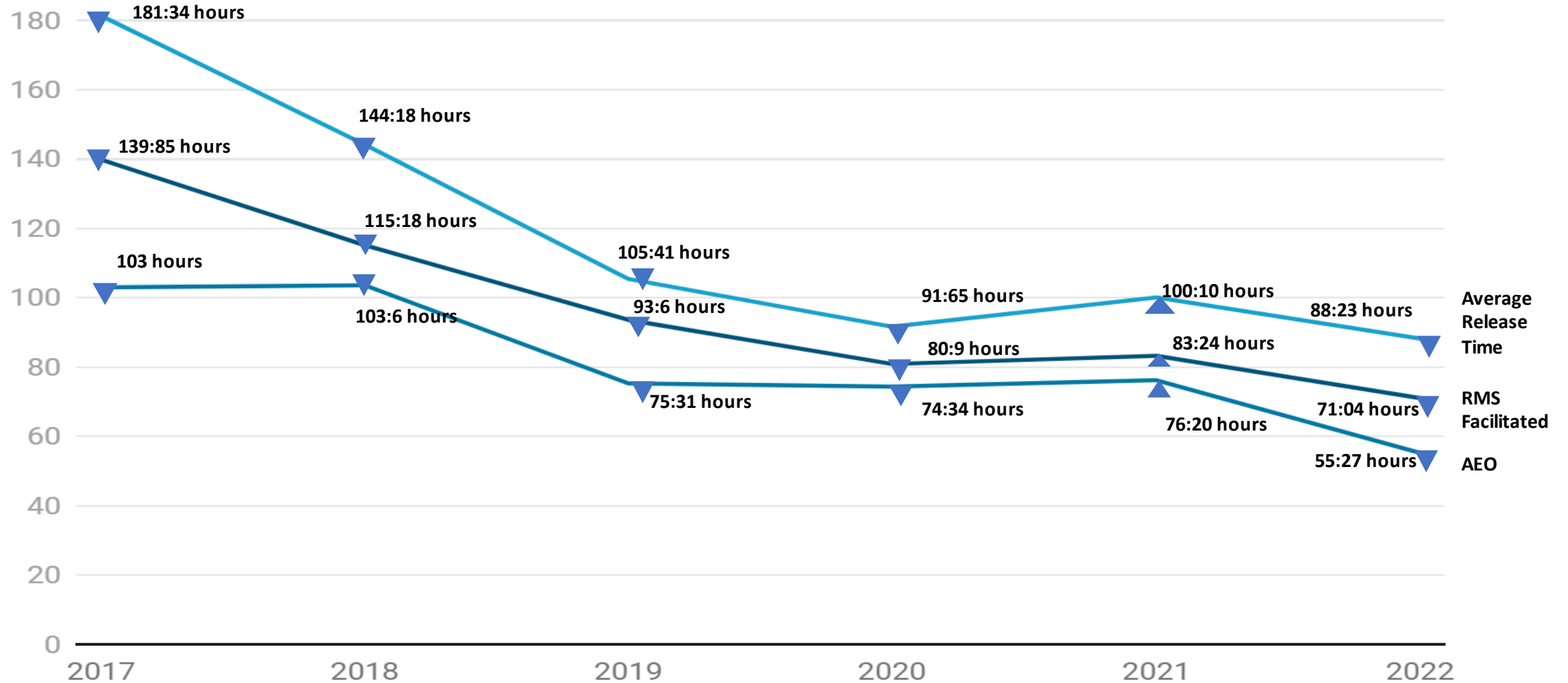


Trade Facilitation Reforms-Unique to India



Impact of TF Reforms – Reduction in Overall Release Time (1/2)

Reduction in import release time at JNPT (between Vessel Arrival to Customs clearance): 2017-22



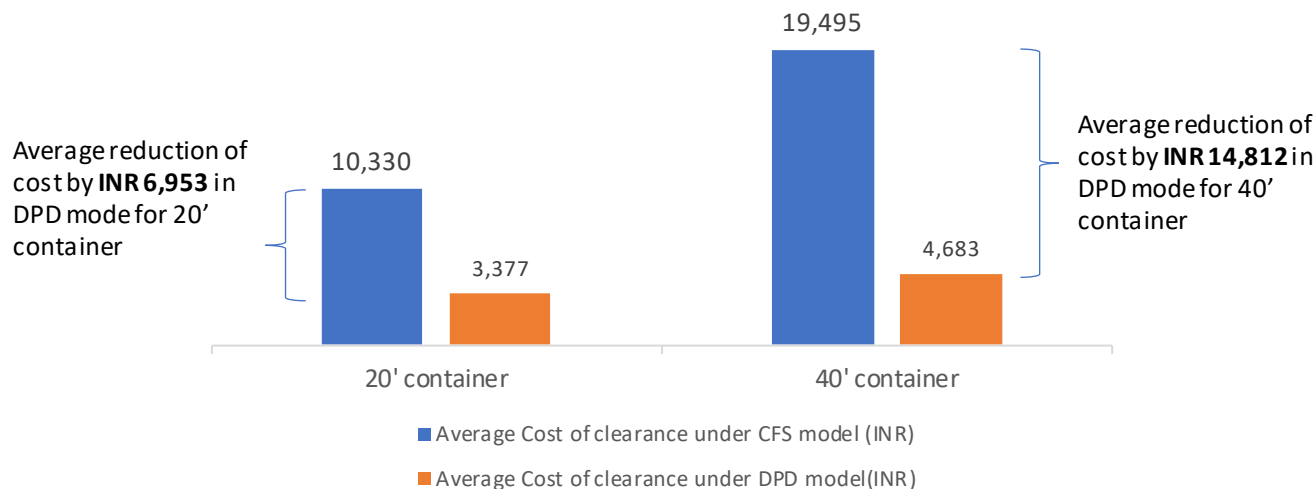
AEO and RMS facilitated data represent a sub-set of the all-in-one average time | Source: 2017,2018,2019,2020 TRS published by JNCH, National TRS 2021 & 2022

Impact of TF Reforms – Reduction in Cost and time (2/2)

A recent survey, to determine the cost benefits of the DPD scheme, was conducted by CII at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port. The result indicate that:

- ✓ Average of **INR 6,953** saved by importer in **DPD mode** as compared to **CFS clearance** for 20' container and **INR 14,812** for 40' container
- ✓ Approximately **5-7 days** are saved by importer in **DPD mode** as compared to CFS clearance

Comparison of Cost of Container in CFS and DPD for Imports clearance



Comparison of time of Container in CFS and DPD for Imports clearance

	Under CFS Model	Under DPD model
Average dwell time	1.5 days at terminal and 5-7 days at CFS	2 days at terminal only

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