

EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL FOR EOUs & SEZs
CSEZ Regional Office – Kerala & Karnataka

**MINUTES OF THE 4TH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL
OF THE EPCES FOR THE PERIOD 2025-2026, CSEZ REGION HELD AT 3.30 PM
ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2026 IN HYBRID MODE.**

Present:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Mr. K.K. Pillai	Regional Chairperson, EPCES
2	Mr. Susanth Kurunthil	Infopark
3	Mr. Shilesh Choudhary	Aequis SEZ Pvt Ltd.
4	Mr. Shreekrishna K	Lulu IT Infrabuild Private Limited
5	Mr. Vivek Mathai George	Aureya FM Services Pvt Ltd.(formerly, WTC Trades & Projects Pvt Ltd.)
6	Mr. Joylal R	Nest Hi-Tek Park Pvt. Ltd.
7	Mr. Shery S. Kurian	Tutor Comp Infotech India Pvt. Ltd.
8	Mr. Govindaraj	TCL Ceramics Limited
9	Mr. Sreekumar V	Tata Elxsi
10	Mr. T.N. Jayakrishnan	WFB Baird & Co. (India) Pvt. Ltd
11	Mr. Sumesh Kumar G	Classic Home Furnishing Pvt. Ltd., SEZ Unit
12	Mr. Rahul Kalburgi	Aerostructures Manufacturing India Pvt. Ltd.
13	Mr. R Rajesh	Wipro Enterprises Pvt Ltd
14	Ms. Sumol Saraswathi	HLL Lifecare Limited
15	Mr. Sibi Abraham	BBM Travel Retails Limited
16	Mr. Rajeeth	SFO Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
17	Mr. O.S. Bobby	Bos Natural Flavours Pvt. Ltd.
18	Mr. Raghu B	The Alleppey Company
19	Mr. Tenzing Samuel	VKL Seasoning Pvt. Ltd.
20	Ms. Supriya P	Regional Director, CSEZ Kerala Region
21	Mr. C.U. Poovaih	Regional Director, CSEZ Karnataka Region
Leave of Absence of the following RGC Members was noted		
1	Mr. Anikumar PC	Regional Vice Chairman, Safeshield India Rubber Products Pvt. Ltd, SEZ Unit
2	Mr. Prakash Namboodiri	A.B. Mauri India Pvt. Ltd.
3	Ms. Varsha Vishnuparasad	Crust 'n' Crumb Food Ingredients Pvt. Ltd.
4	Ms. Sindhu C Thomas	Signature Foam Pvt. Ltd.

5	Mr. Gireesh Dath MC	Zeba Lab Furniture Pvt. Ltd.
6	Ms. Sushama Sreekantath	AVT Natural Products Ltd.

RD Kerala informed that the required quorum was complete and the meeting was called to order by the Chairperson. He invited Regional Director to conduct the meeting. RD, Kerala welcomed all participants and invited Chairperson to address the RGC.

1. Address by the Chairperson

1.1. Mr. K.K. Pillai, Chairperson welcomed all RGC members to the meeting. During his speech, he pointed out that the Union Budget will be beneficial to all, as our long pending request of DTA sale on duty foregone basis has been considered favourably, even though its details are yet to come. Other point he mentioned was the reduction in the US tariff to 10% on the basis of the verdict of US Supreme Court, which will be beneficial to exporters. He further pointed out that we are getting good co-operation from HO and the points taken up were considered favourably. He intimated that EPCES Chairman has won the Real Estate Leader of the Year award. Mr. Pillai opined that this is a proud moment for all EPCES members.

1.2. All RGC members Congratulated the Chairman on his achievement.

Item 2. Address by the Vice Chairperson

Due to some unforeseen emergency, he could not attend the meeting and intimated leave of absence.

Item 3. Action Taken Report

2.1. The Regional Director informed that actions suggested at the 3rd RGC meeting have already been done.

2.2. RGC noted the actions taken.

Item 4. Co-option to the Regional Governing Council

3.1. Co-opted members were introduced by the Region Director. Co-opted members thanked EPCES for giving them an opportunity to serve EPCES and assured their co-operation in the activities of EPCES CSEZ Region.

Item 5 & 6. Trade Facilitation - Points from members

Mr. Govindarajan sought clarity on the DTA sale and Chairman informed that it has been announced in the Budget; but we have to wait for the Ministry's notifications for a clear picture. Mr. Govindarajan pointed out that decisions to improve ease of doing business have to be expedited for a desired result.

Chairman informed that EPCES will be taking up the pending issues with the HO and Regional Office will be following it up on regular basis. On a query from Mr. Rahul Kalburgi RD informed that reduction in the rate of RoDTEP is temporary and there will be no reduction in the case of products come under Chapter 01-24. She further informed that the notification as well as the corrigendum have already been shared in the whatsapp groups of EPCES.

Mr. Kalburgi further pointed out that another long pending issue was the sub-contracting the work of DTA by SEZs. He opined that there was no announcement about that in the recent Budget. He suggested that this has to be taken up by EPCES.

RD informed that that issue had been taking up continuously. RD requested him to share the details to include the same in the representation to be sent to HO.

Mr. Vivek informed that WTC is organising a session on India-US tariff on 4th March 2026. He told that the details will be shared with EPCES and can organise together. He further informed that WTC used to organise Open House in association with EPCES - both in Kochi and Bangalore. He invited all to join and also suggested for a RGC meeting at Bangalore.

Item 7. Vote of Thanks

RD Karnataka extended vote of thanks. He thanked the esteemed Regional Chairman for his insightful speech. He further told that EPCES take the opportunity to thank all the RGC members for their active participation, which led to a fruitful discussion on the agenda. He further thanked his colleague RD of Kerala for organising the meeting and make it a platform for the active discussion of various matters relevant to the industry.

Meeting came to a close at 03.55 PM.
