



Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Launched for North East

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- Union Minister for Finance launched the **Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)** at Land **Customs Stations (LCS)** of the **North East Region (NER)** aiming to enhance **regional trade** and foster **economic growth** by making the movement of goods and customs clearances more efficient.
- The implementation of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is set to **empower trade community** members and stakeholders in **customs clearance** by reducing dwell time and costs in **cross-border trade**.
 - The export basket at these LCSs consists primarily of [minerals](#) and [agricultural produce](#), whereas the import basket includes [processed food items](#), **cement**, and **plastic products**.
- Digitizing these LCSs along the [India-Bangladesh](#) and [India-Myanmar borders](#), established from 1948 onwards to boost trade and travel, complements the [Act East Policy](#), enhancing market linkages and regional development through secure, paperless transactions and online payments.
 - The [Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs \(CBIC\)](#) has successfully enabled Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) at various LCSs along the Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Myanmar borders, overcoming challenges posed by **remote locations** without [Optical Fibre](#) or Mobile Networks.

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