





Making India Atmanirbhar in ESDM

Roadmap to achieve \$300 billion in Electronics Manufacturing by 2025-26

Report back Session: Scaling up production and Making India Export hub for Mobile Phones & IT Hardware





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MISSION USD 300 Bn

SUM OF THE PIECES

Product	2020-21 (\$ bn)		2025-26 (\$ bn)	
Mobile Phones	30	27 Domestic	110	55 Domestic
	30	3 Export		55 Export
IT hardware (Laptops, Tablets)		6.5 Import	22	10 Domestic
	0.5	0.5 Domestic		
		0 Export		12 Export
Total	30.5		132	

KEY DRIVERS

For Expansion of Domestic Market

- GST rationalization to 12% from current 18%
- Enabling movement of Feature phones to Smartphones
- Increase in IT penetration
- Bridging digital divide → 1% of GDP

For Exports

- Rationalisation of RoDTEP
- Timely disbursement of incentives
- Tariff stability for inputs
- Building Indian champions and enable them to conquer International markets
- Addressing disabilities in a time bound manner

PLI AS A DRIVER OF USD 300 BN BY 2026

- 1. The most significant driver by a mile, towards USD 300 Bn.
- 2. Smartphone PLI needs quarterly review and course correction.
 - Ease of Doing Business will be a critical element.
 - Tariffs will be critical to cost competitiveness.
 - Shifting ecosystem critical to reducing imports and increasing DVA.
- 3. IT hardware PLI needs to be revamped from ground upwards.
 - 3 or 4 key players. Have some joint and individual concerns.
 - PLI needs to address joint and individual concerns. Negotiate now.
 - PLI needs to accommodate for non-existent domestic production.
 - PLI needs to aim for 'shifting' production, not expanding unlike mobiles.
- 4. MeitY with DPIIT/NITI Aayog to decide PLI financials. FinMin in support role.

COMPETITIVENESS AS A DRIVER OF USD 300 BN BY 2026

- Mobile Production: ~5% of global value production and ~15% of volume.
- IT hardware production: 0.5% of global production.
- Both grossly inadequate to achieve USD 300 bn.
- Exports play a key role in reaching USD 300 bn.
- Mid to long term competitiveness will be key to exports.
- Competitiveness is key to domestic market as well.
- Absence of competitiveness leads to high tariffs and NTBs. Both unsustainable.
- Competitiveness needs :
 - Lower cost of production
 - Rationalisation of taxes
 - Shifting of ecosystem as part of the China +1 strategy

LOW & STABLE TARIFF AS A DRIVER OF USD 300 BN BY 2026

Tariffs may be a disability:

- High tariffs perpetuate imports, not restrict imports.
- Tariffs in effect amount to a tax on exports.
- Tariff reduction advised on inputs to 0 or at best 5%.

Focus on mobile phones as priority sector to achieve \$300 bn by 2026.

- Highest projected exports from USD 3.6 bn in 2020-21 to USD 55 bn in 2025-26. 15x.
- Yet, highest tariffs within electronics.

Tariffs may neutralize the benefit of supportive policies.

- Increase in India's tariffs in 2020 and 2021 raised costs by around 4-5%.
- High and stiff tariffs discourage value addition.
- Tariff hikes likely to reduce output/investment by 8%, employment by 9% and exports by 31%.
- Tariffs introduce instability.

ECOSYSTEM AS A DRIVER OF USD 300 BN BY 2026

- 1. Building domestic ecosystem takes 7-10 years. Ex: China, Vietnam.
- 2. Ecosystem is the biggest driver of increasing Domestic Value Addition.
- 3. 3-pronged Strategy:

Period	Strategy	Key Factor	
1 - 5 years	Shift ecosystem along with Lead Firms	Government Policy	
3 - 7 years	Start building Indian supply chain/skills	Volumes/Competitiveness	
5 - 10 years	Shift to a robust Indian supply chain	Success of PLI	

INDIAN CHAMPIONS AS A DRIVER OF USD 300 BN BY 2026

- National Champions are essential for the progression from poverty to wealth.
- They are the core constituents for skill acquisition and value addition.
- This is the only mechanism for the long term technological and financial independence for a country.
- Indian champions can lead in < USD200 market, globally.

Enabling them through:

- A protected market segment to attain scale, skills & competitiveness.
- R&D and design incentives.
- Access to capital at globally competitive rates.
- Global market development mechanisms.

IN CONCLUSION

- There are 6 pillars of reaching USD 300 bn:
 - A well-crafted, well-suited and regularly monitored PLI for both sectors.
 - A matching and stable tariff regime decided by industry and MeitY.
 - Competitiveness is key to both Scale and Domestic Value Addition.
 - A short and long term strategy for developing local ecosystem is needed.
 - Strategic support for building Indian champions for long term technological & financial independence.
 - Exports will be key. We need to snatch global market share.
- Business as usual will get us to USD 100-110 bn max by 2026.
- Domestic market is critical but even best results won't get us close to USD 300 bn.
- The focus needs to turn to the 6-8 MNC and Indian Lead Firms in finished products. This engine will pull the remaining sectors forward.



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