

# Trade Facilitation in India



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# Commitments under WTO TFA



- **Commitments under TFA:**

- **Category A:** Commitments which India was complying with, **on the date of ratification** of TFA
- **Category B:** India notified **time period of 5 years** for implementation of Cat B commitments
- **Category C:** Not applicable for India

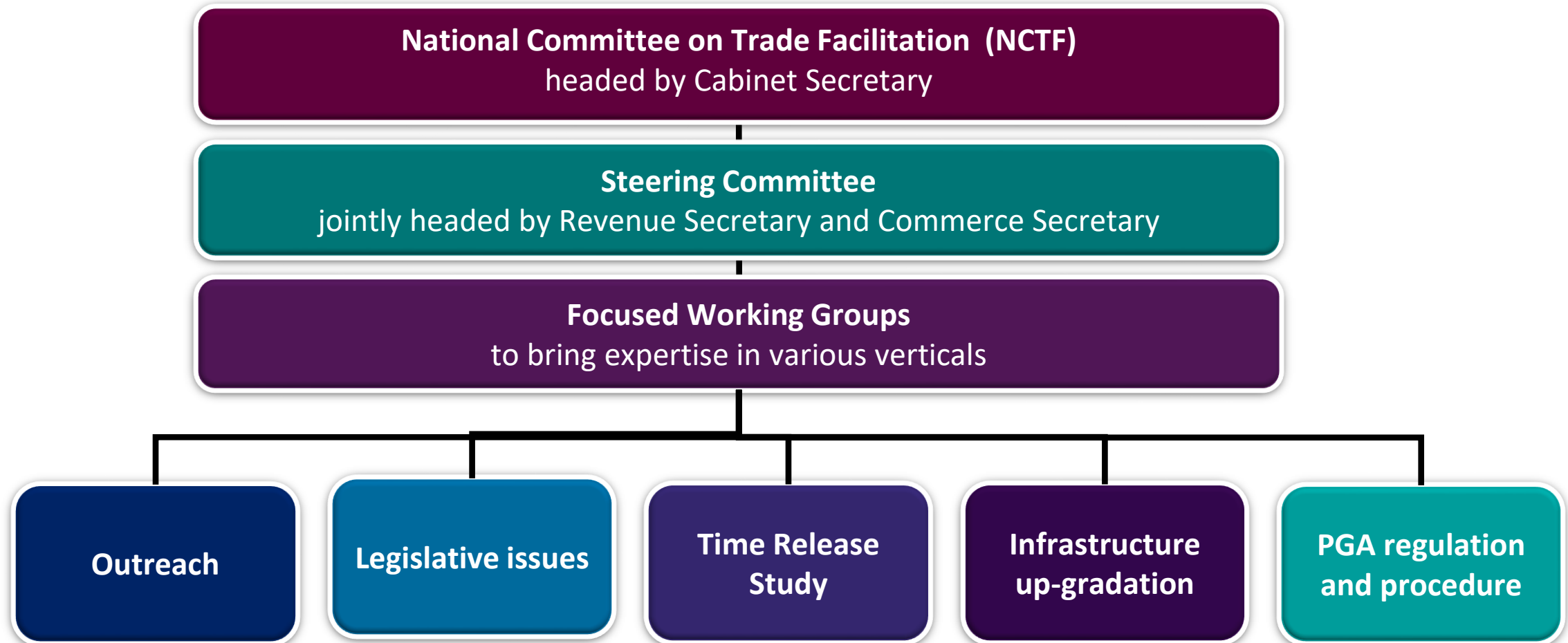
**100 percent compliance with TFA commitments met before stipulated timeline of February 2022**

- This is followed by **TFA Plus commitments** of India as part of the **National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP)**, Measures of trade facilitation **beyond TFA including infrastructural augmentation and technology upgradation**
  - 71 action points under NTFAP 2017 – 20 (out of total 96 action points)
  - 52 action points under NTFAP 2020 – 23 (out of total 66 action points)

# Institutional mechanism for TF – 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.*



# Journey of Reforms



**April 2016**

India ratified the WTO's TFA

**July 2017**

National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP) 2017-20 launched

**October 2020**

Policy and guidelines for Inland Container Depots, Container Freight Stations and Air Freight Stations

**August 2021**

Compliance Information Portal (CIP) launched

**December 2021**

All Category B provisions of TFA implemented

**August 2016**

Govt. of India set up apex trade facilitation body - NCTF

**July 2019**

First ever **National Time Release Study (TRS) 2019** carried out across 15 air/ land/ dry/ seaports

**January 2021**

- National Trade Facilitation Action Plan (NTFAP) 2020-23 launched
- **National TRS 2021** carried out

**September 2021**

Pilot of e-LPCO launched

**January 2022**

**National TRS 2022** carried out

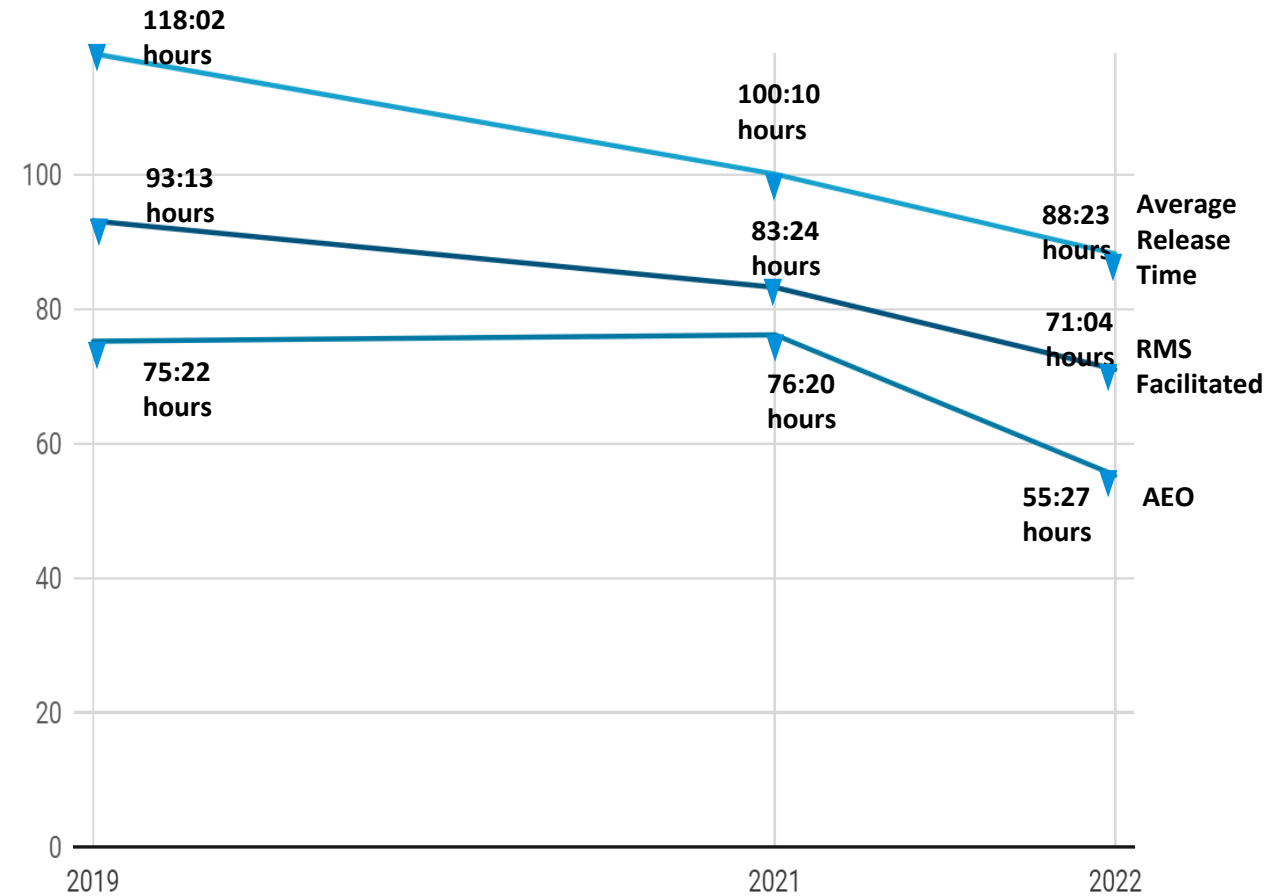
# India's reform story – reduction in overall dwell time



India Conducted **3 National Time Release Studies** in 2019, 2021 & 2022

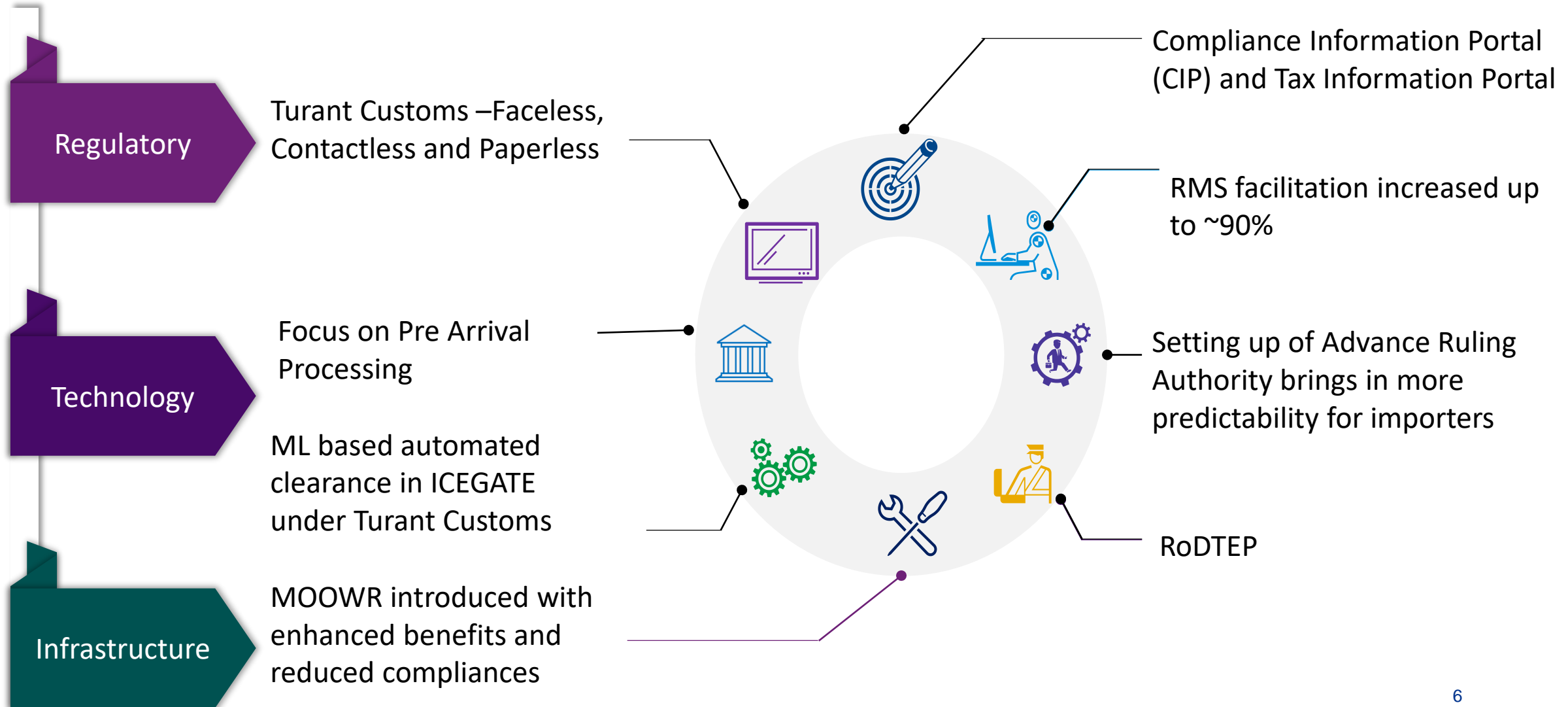
## Features:

1. Based on **WCO Methodology**
2. Coverage of **both Export & Import processes**
3. Spread across 15 locations covering Seaports, Inland Container Depots, Integrated Check Posts and Air Cargo Complexes
4. Mapping and identification of stakeholder wise logistics and Infrastructure bottlenecks
5. Inputs incorporated in National Trade Facilitation Action Plan 2020-23
6. Recommendations were closed in time bound manner showing reduction in release time from 2019 to 2022.

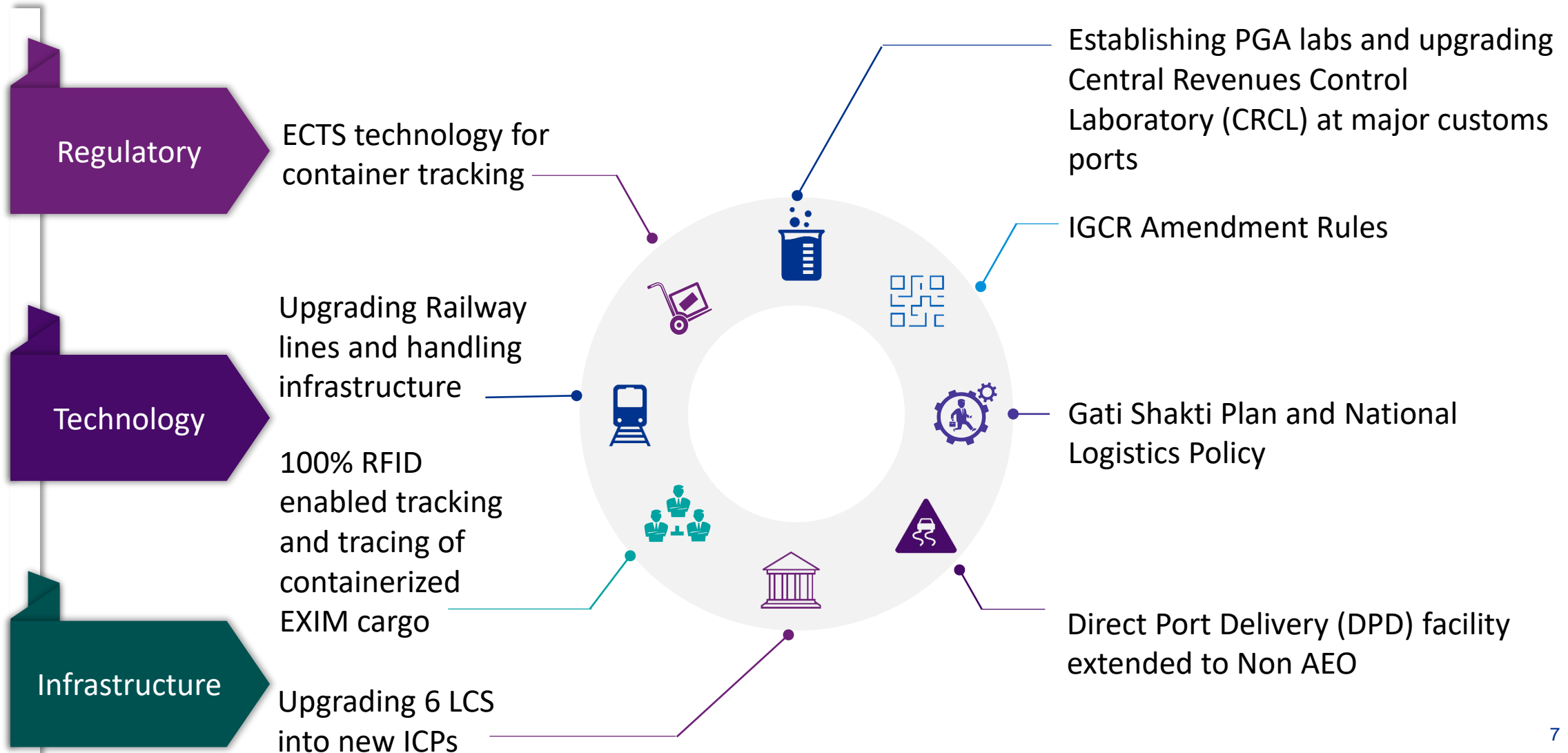


AEO and RMS facilitated data represent a sub-set of the all-in-one average time | Source: National TRS published by CBIC | Data for JNPT only

# Trade Facilitation Initiatives by the Government (1/2)



# Trade Facilitation Initiatives by the Government (2/2)



# Thank You



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