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LUCKNOW: The Centre's latest data on exports has shown that Uttar Pradesh exported goods worth Rs 21,500 crore in April and May this year, up by 152% compared to the previous year. During the corresponding period last year, goods worth Rs 8,511 crore were exported from the state. Currently, UP ranks sixth among the major exporting states of the country.

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"This year, goods like carpets, rugs, textile, footwear, glassware, iron, steel, aluminium, rice, sugar, milk, flour, plastic products, silk and artificial flowers have been exported to different parts of the world," said a government spokesperson. According to the report, export of footwear and toys went up from Rs 147 crore and Rs 26 crore respectively in April-May last year to Rs 742 crore and Rs 120 crore this year. Export of glassware increased from Rs 40 crore during the same period last year to Rs 310 crore this year. Carpets and textile fabrics worth Rs 744 crore were exported this year as against Rs 247 crore last year while the export of leather products saw an increase from Rs 79 crore last year to Rs 493 crore this year.

"The proposed overseas trade promotion and facilitation centres are expected to increase value of exports from 25 districts, known as export centres of the state, by Rs 250 crore. They will also provide direct and indirect employment to 2,500 people," said the spokesperson.

He said that with the coming up of these centres, there will be an additional export of goods worth Rs 125 crore from 25 less important districts. The centres will provide

employment to 1,250 people.