The policy thrust of the Commerce and Investment Sector is to facilitate the development of viable Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) capable of substantial contribution to economic growth and poverty reduction and development of solid minerals as an alternative source of economic development. It also prospects into partnering with the private sector in order to develop tourism as a means of generating income and employment, which altogether would increase economic activities in the State.

The sector over the last four years of this administration has played a role towards achieving the strategic goal of the State. This has resulted in significant economic growth, employment generation, increased internally generated revenue, increased individual disposable income and poverty reduction among the populace through its various programmes and activities despite the period’s generic fiscal challenges.

**MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

- Facilitated the development of shops, warehouses and public conveniences in our major markets by private developers.
- Establishment of a brand new specialized vegetable market at Kijjawal, Ringim Local Government Area.
- Operationalization of the world bank supported Hadejia modern fish market through the provision of water, electricity, 20KVA, generator and allocation of shops/stalls to traders.
TRADE CORRIDOR

The launching and implementation of the trade corridor of Zinder-Daura-Jigawa-Kano by this administration on 3rd May, 2017 brought about remarkable achievement in cross border trade with the republic of Niger. The implementation of the trade corridor has resulted in:

- Increased participation of the state populace in international trade.
- Increased trade activities along the corridor as some obstacles hitherto hindering trade have been removed e.g. there used to be about 11 road blocks between Maigatari and Zinder but now reduced to 4.
- Recent renovation of the prototype warehouses and other facilities at the Maigatari free zone coupled with a strong investment promotion approach has helped the State in attracting investors into the zone. The Free Trade Zone has been grossly under utilized until the advent of this administration.

The Governor Badaru led administration places a high premium on the well being of the Jigawa citizenry. In the last four years, The State Consumer Protection Committee have stepped up their activities at the Maigatari market and other markets across the State to ensure that the quality of grains being sold in the markets is not compromised. They are taking preventive measures against the sale of contaminated foods across the markets. This move will protect the citizens from hazardous consumption and also improve the confidence of commodity traders and exporters in patronizing the Jigawa ‘brand’.

Battle against adulteration of goods is gradually being won by Government as evident in the convictions and confiscations recorded so far. The committee was able to confiscate and destroy, through courts orders, 10,003 bags of adulterated sesame seeds, offal, baking flour and hibiscus flowers (zobo). Also, 34 offenders were charged and convicted at magistrate courts across the State.
TOURISM, INDUSTRIES AND COOPERATIVE SUB-SECTORS

✓ Organized and conducted sensitization workshop for operators of tourist establishment i.e. hotels, restaurants, travel agencies etc.

✓ Conducted guided tours to tourist sites in the state for Youth Corp members and students.

✓ Elimination of the use of bromate powder in bakeries

✓ Successfully introduced and launched and standard indigenous measures (mudus) state wide in conjunction with the State Council of Ulama

✓ The conduct of 5 day training on modern entrepreneurship for 60 MSMEs operating in the State

✓ Organized and conducted a one day Public-Private Dialogue on 'Access to Finance' for operators of MSMEs

✓ With 952 registered cooperatives before the coming of this administration, the state now has 5,015 registered Cooperative Primary Societies as a result of so many activities of the government especially in agriculture and empowerment programmes.

SOLID MINERALS DEVELOPMENT

✓ Facilitated the conduct of solid mineral exploration in the Chad Basin area in the state which comprises Kafin Hausa, Auyo, Kaugama, Mallam Madon, Birnin, Kirikasamma and Guni Local Government Areas.

✓ Identification of Calcium carbonate mineral in form of calcrete limestone which can be used for fertilizer production. Both quantity and quality has been established.

✓ Established Mineral Resources and Environmental Management Committee in the state.

✓ A total of 615 artisanal miners were co-opted into cooperative groups and mining licenses acquired for same. Over 10million naira has been spent on this.

✓ Conducted a baseline enumeration survey of mining cooperatives in 13 local government areas namely Dutse, Roni, Kazaure, Taura, Gwiwa, Birnin Kudu, Babura, Maigatari, Hadejia, Kirikasamma, Gagarawa and Mallam Madoni.