

Drawback Committee visits Firozabad to examine and recommend revision in Drawback Rates

Firozabad; 30th May 2015



The Drawback Committee visits manufacturing units in Firozabad; seen in the picture are Mr. Gautam Ray, Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise (retired); and Mr. Rajiv Talwar, Joint Secretary, Drawback

The Drawback Committee appointed by the Govt. of India visited Firozabad on 30th May, 2015, to see and understand the manufacturing process of glass artware items produced in the region as well as to examine and recommend the revision in drawback rates of various types of items being produced and exported.

The visit was coordinated in association with Glass Manufacturers Export Association, Uttar Pradesh. Mr. Mukesh Bansal, President of the Association, along with other prominent member exporters from Firozabad welcomed the duty drawback committee and explained

to them about various processes involved in manufacturing of glass artware.

The Committee was headed by Dr. Saumitra Chaudhuri, Chairman, Drawback Committee; Mr. G K Pillai, Secretary (retired), Government of India; Mr. Y G Parande, Special Secretary- cum-Member CBEC; Mr. Gautam Ray, Chief Commissioner of Customs and Central Excise (retired); and Mr. Rajiv Talwar, Joint Secretary, Drawback. The Committee visited some representative units namely M/s Transparent Overseas, M/s Jai Mata Di Glass International & Shri Sita Ram Glass Works to get an



insight of Glass Artware / Handicrafts made of two or more ply glass with or without metallic fusion and other important elements involved in manufacturing process so that the revision of drawback rates can be made effectively. Due to increase in duties and taxes levied on various types of raw materials end-products have become costly thereby resulting in these products becoming uncompetitive in the International markets. It is, therefore, necessary to re-examine the element of duties and tax forming part of the final cost of the products so that appropriate drawback can be decided for refund purpose thereby resulting in making the products competitive in the International markets.

Duty Drawback Scheme, duties levied on the input of the export product (Customs & Central Excise) and service tax paid on the input services used in the manufacture of export goods are re-funded to the exporters by way of duty drawback. As usual, the drawback rates are worked out and notified every year after taking into account the budgetary changes in the duty structure and the consumption of input materials and the duties suffered on these input materials.

Exports from Firozabad in the year 2014-15 were Rs. 87.15 crores approximately. These products employ artisans and craft persons belonging primarily to economically and socially weaker sections of the society. Hence these product categories are considered important not only from the export point of

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view but also from the point of view of employment generation to a very important section of the society. ■

