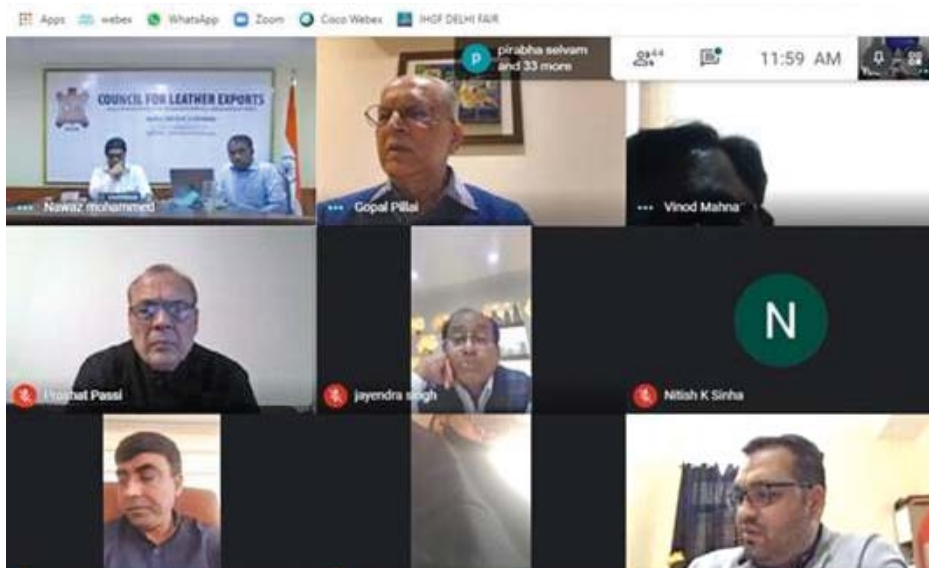


EPCH presents its case for RoDTEP Scheme in high level Committee Meeting of Govt. of India

10th December 2020 : A High Level Committee meeting headed by Mr. G K Pillai, former Secretary to Govt. of India & Chairman, RoDTEP, met the members of Export Promotion Councils to understand their manufacturing process, taxes and duties paid by them with reference to the new RoDTEP scheme. EPCH presented its member exporters case for RoDTEP (Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products), to make Indian products cost-competitive and create a level playing field for them in the global market. The committee also interacted with the exporters to take their feedback.

Mr. Ravi K Passi, Chairman, EPCH, presented a brief overview to the RoDTEP Committee highlighting the exports of handicrafts during the past seven months. The Committee interacted with leading EPCH member exporters from various craft clusters and took their product specific details. Mr. Sunit Jain represented Home Textiles manufacturing process, taxes and duties; Mr. Hansaraj Baheti, Member-COA and Mr. Arvind Kalani from Jodhpur presented woodcraft & furniture related details; Mr. Tony Bansal from Firozabad, UP. briefed about Glass artware industry; Mr. Rajat Asthana from Agra informed about Stoneware crafts of Agra; Mr. Kamal Soni, Vice-Chairman-II, EPCH, representing Moradabad cluster of Wood & Metal, explained this segment's manufacturing process, taxes and duties incurred; Mr. K.L Ramesh from Bangalore



The virtual meeting in progress : Seen are Mr. Ravi K. Passi, Chairman, EPCH; Mr. G K Pillai, former Secretary to Govt. of India & Chairman, RoDTEP and EPCH member exporters

briefed the Committee about Aggarbatti crafts. Among other representatives from their regions were, Mr. Neeraj Khanna, Member-COA; Mr. Avdesh Aggarwal, General Secretary, Moradabad Handicraft Exporters Association, Moradabad (MHEA); Mr. Satpal, leading exporter from Moradabad; Mr. Rajesh Jain, New Delhi; and Mr. Vikas Gupta from Farrukhabad.

Mr. Ravi K. Passi, Chairman, EPCH, further elaborated that in order to finalise the rates to be offered under RoDTEP scheme, the committee gave a patient hearing to the exporters of metalware, woodware, glassware, furniture, aggarbatti, textiles handicrafts, stone ware, etc. ■

Background : The Govt. of India constituted the RoDTEP High Level Committee under Chairmanship of Mr. G K Pillai, former Secretary to Govt. of India with an objective to consider refund of duties/taxes/levies incurred by exporters during their manufacturing processes. After discussion with trade bodies and industry, the this committee announces the rates. The current MEIS scheme is not in compliance with WTO norms & rules and under the scheme, all taxes/ duties/levies are being charged at the Central/State/Local level. These will be reimbursed which are not currently refunded under any of the existing schemes but are incurred during manufacturing and distribution process.