

# EPCH delegation calls on Union Textile Minister and Secretary (Textiles)

**New Delhi; 15th June 2021** | Newly elected EPCH-Chairman, Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra; Immediate Past Chairman-EPCH, Mr. Ravi K Passi; Director General, EPCH, Dr. Rakesh Kumar; and Executive Director, EPCH, Mr. R K Verma, met Hon'ble Union Minister of Textiles & Women and Child Development, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani and apprised her about the performance of exports of handicrafts for the year 2020-21 which has shown marginal increase.

During the discussion, Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra, Chairman, EPCH, also raised certain issues pertaining to promotion of exports of handicraft and sought intervention of the Hon'ble Minister. The issues raised included Restoration of provision of duty free import of essential embellishments, trimmings, tools consumables for handicrafts sector; Release of funds of MEIS; Setting-up regulatory body for Shipping lines and freight forwarders; Coverage of Pre-shipment risk by ECGC; Restoration of Option to Export on Payment of IGST or Under Bond or LUT; and Setting up a warehousing facility at USA.

The Hon'ble Minister patiently heard all the suggestions raised by EPCH and complimented the industry for their efforts during this time of crisis and achievement in exports. She assured all possible support to the sector.

This EPCH delegation met Shri Upendra Prasad Singh, Secretary (Textiles), Govt. of India on **16th June 2021** and briefed



him about the Export performance of Handicrafts sector during 2020-21. They also submitted a representation regarding issues faced by the handicrafts sector currently. The Secretary (Textiles) interacted in detail & assured his full support to the Handicrafts fraternity. ■