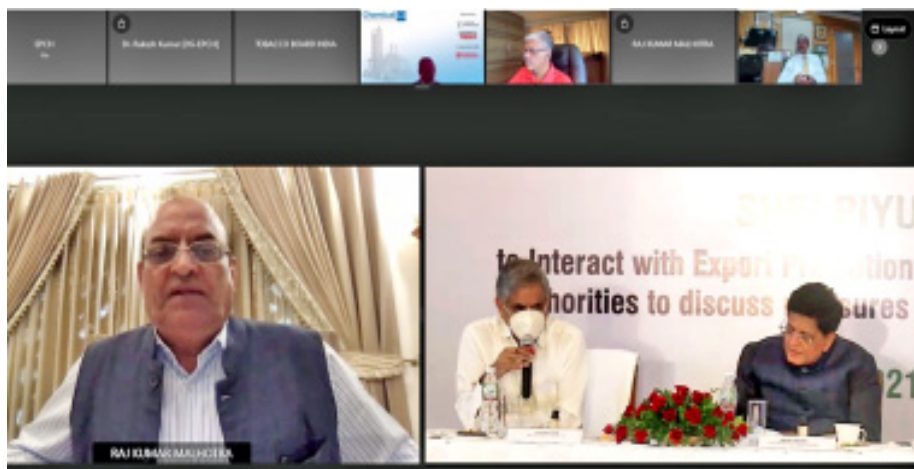


Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry convenes meeting with 35 EPCs

Chairman, EPCH presents sector's issues,
pushes for enhancement of RoDTEP rates

New Delhi | On 19th August 2021, Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Mr. Piyush Goyal convened a meeting with the Export Promotion Councils wherein chairmen and heads of around 35 Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards along with the senior government officers were present. The meeting was convened to have a feedback on the export performance of the sectors and also seek inputs regarding various issues concerning them.

Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra, Chairman, EPCH, presented the exports overview of the handicrafts sector and strongly raised the issue of enhancement of rates under Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme. In his address, he requested the Hon'ble Minister to intervene in the matter as handicraft exporters who used to get higher MEIS rates, factor in the MEIS incentive in their pricing and such low RoDTEP rates will make their products uncompetitive.



Mr. Raj Kumar Malhotra, Chairman-EPCH, interacting with Hon'ble Minister of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Mr. Piyush Goyal, during a meeting convened with EPCs

He also raised issues like Restoration of provision of duty free import of essential embellishments, trimmings, tools consumables for handicrafts sector; Restoration of MAI provision for opening of showrooms, warehouses and marketing offices abroad and display in international departmental stores; High Container Charges levied by Shipping Lines; Policy framework for B2B e-Commerce and others. The Hon'ble Minister patiently heard the issues raised and it is hoped that the handicrafts sector will get a redressal on all the issues placed before him. ■