

EPCH strongly represents claim of ITC HS Codes during interaction with Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics Kolkata; 6th September 2023

The Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DCGCI&S) organized a two day interaction with different EPCs along with representatives of Department of Commerce (DoC) to understand the data compiled on the basis of ITC HS Codes and claimed by respective EPCs. Through this interaction DGCI&S aimed to understand the views of EPCs regarding the regrouping of ITC HS Codes. EPCH represented its stand under the leadership of Mr. O P Prahladka, COA Member,

for the last 40 years resulting in exports growth. It was represented that items like glassware, wooden handicrafts, articles of brass and copper, EPNS ware, flutes & musical instruments, hurricane lanterns etc. does not find adequate representation in the compilation of exports data by DGCI&S and it is important that the same may be considered under the purview of Handicrafts thus reflecting the correct picture of exports of handicrafts.



Left: Mr. O P Prahladka, COA Member, EPCH and Convenor, Eastern Region, along with Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH, represented EPCH at the interaction with DCGCI&S. Right: A group photograph of officials from DCGCI&S along with representatives from various EPCs

EPCH and Convenor, Eastern Region, along with Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH.

EPCH strongly represented its claim of ITC HS Codes and made a detailed presentation on the activities undertaken for the promotion of the handicrafts sector and different steps taken on PAN India basis for export promotion. During the interaction, EPCH also organized a display of products across segments such as artmetalware, woodware, textile based handicrafts, paper machie, glass artware, terracota, stoneware, fashion jewellery, leather craft, zari, etc.

During the meeting Mr. Rajesh Rawat explained the various developmental and promotional activities undertaken by EPCH

During the interaction, the DGCI&S was represented by Mr. Ajay Bakshi, Dy DG; Smt Devanjana Datta, Dy DG; Mr. S. Bhattacharya, Director; Mr. Subhajt Roy, Director; Smt Madhura Roy, Joint Director; and other team members. Apart from EPCH other EPCs present during the meeting were CHEMEXCIL, PHARMA EPC, Shellac EPC, Plastic EPC. DoC was represented by Mr. Sanjeet Kumar, DDG and Mr. R. L. Meena, Under Secretary. Team DGCI&S made note of the claim made by EPCH for the ITC HS codes and assured to make an effort to streamline the issue and take up the matter with other EPCs in consultation with Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Ministry of Textiles & Customs, wherein the ITC HS codes are overlapping in order to resolve the long standing issue. ■