

## Workshop for discussing Policy Constraints being faced by Gems & Jewellery Exporters and strategy to increase export from the Region held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 11:00 AM in Regional Office, Jaipur.

A workshop was organized at Regional Office on 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 11:00 AM to identify the key challenges in policies hindering exports of gems and jewellery and to suggest solutions to alleviate the same. The following attended the workshop:-

- 1. Shri Nirmal Kumar Bardiya, Regional Chairman
- 2. Shri Vijay Kedia, Convener, CGS Panel
- 3. Shri Bharat Lashkari, Permanent Invitee, Silver Jewellery Panel Sub Committee
- 4. Shri Badri Narayanan Gupta, Permanent Invitee, Regional Sub Committee
- 5. Shri D.P. Khandelwal, Permanent Invitee, CGS Panel Committee
- 6. Dr. Nawal Kishore Agarwal, Permanent Invitee, Regional Sub Committee
- 7. Shri Sanjay Kala, Member, Regional Committee

The workshop was part of a study being conducted on the initiation of EXIM bank. The team doing the study comprises of Mr. Rajeev Kher, Dr. Jayant Dasgupta and Dr. Veena Jha.

Dr. Veena Jha conducted today's workshop which was attended by Regional Chairman, Shri Nirmal Kumar Bardiya, Convener, CGS Panel, Shri Vijay Kedia along with other members.

The key points raised were:

- 1. Procedural challenges faced in ecommerce and small value shipments.
- 2. Tax refund to foreign tourist proposal.
- 3. Clubbing of more than one invoice by a foreign buyer who have bought goods from different sellers, for shipping goods as air cargo under one shipment to his country.
- 4. RBI to allow banks to extend facility of maintaining virtual account by ecommerce exporters in various countries to manage small value payments. This would help in reducing the cost and paperwork.
- 5. Easing of procedure for importing rough gemstone by foreign nationals/ company.

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