

## POST ACTIVITY REPORT

## The Colloquium

Customs Open House & E-Sachit ... an educative seminar series

Conference Hall, GJEPC, Surat 18.02.2020 | 2:30 PM

The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Surat organized a Customs Open house and an awareness Seminar under the series "The Colloquium ... an educative seminar series" on topics of "E-Sanchit".

Dr. Prasad Varwantkar, Dy. Commissioner of Customs, Surat Hira Bourse shared his views on customs process, challenges at SHB and apprised members on E-Sanchit rules and procedure



Shri Dinesh Navadiya, Regional Chairman-Gujarat apprised members on the purpose of conducting the open house and also apprised members on E-Sanchit. He grabbed the opportunity to thank Dr. Prasad, on behalf of G&J indsutry of Surat, for taking up the issues pertaning import / export of G&J goods from SHB and resolving the issues including d-linking of Bank Guarantee, approval of SNZ Surat, permission to start exports of Silver Jewellery, support to take up the issues of imposition of duty on LG diamonds etc..





Dr. Prasad shared the vision of Customs department Surat to reduce process time to clear the shipments with consistency. He emphasized on following the business best practices in foreign trade to have hasslefree international trade. The details were shared on new initiatives in process like removal of PCA - Concurrent Audit from SHB and simultaneous process of examination with payment of IGST to save the time which may take few more months to be implemented. He assured trade that department is positive and acting pro-actively to support legitimate business and partner in the growth as one of the stake holders and seek similar support from trade to understand the changing world scenario, trade practices and implement new rules & regulations.

Dr. Prasad, further, apprised members on the important initiative taken by Customs, E-Sanchit. He informed members that Customs is going digital by introducing E-Sanchit, he explained the purpose and implications of E-Sanchit and briefly explained the process to be followed by Exporter / CHAs on E-Sanchit. He informed members that E-Sanchit is now live and most of the transactions are taking place based on E-Sanchit hence it is the need of the hour for the exporters and importers to understand the process and start working on it at earliest.

Smt. Jilpa Sheth, Regional Director, GJEPC explained the role of PGA and beneficiaries w.r.t. E-Sanchit and process to be followed. Members were encouraged to complete their registration with E-Sanchit without any delay and enable PGA to complete the formalities online whereas applicable.





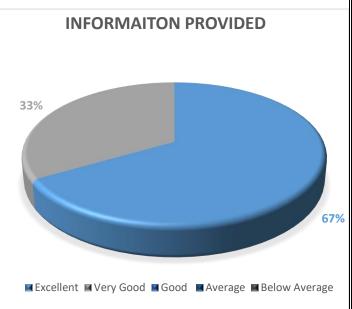
The participants were invited for the open discussion on their challenges and suggestions to improve the existing processes.

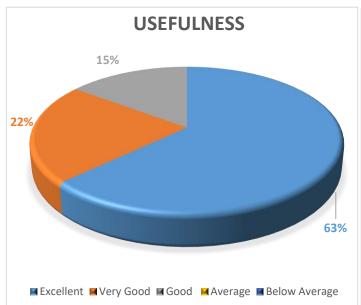
Members and CHAs raised their concern regading delay in export from Surat. Team Customs tried to understand the root cause of the delay and assured to come out with the modalities which will reduce the time and increase the exports. Dy. Commissioner showed readiness to increase the staff to support the exports if required but he will review the exports data in coming few months and assured to take suitable action.

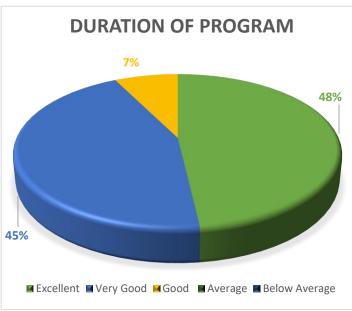
Smt. Jilpa Sheth, Regional Director, Gujarat region in her conluding remarks extended a vote of thanks to Dr. Prasad and his team, she also requested Dy. Commissioner to keep all Stake Holder Meet at least once in a quarter to review the progress and discuss areas of improvement on part of all the Stake Holders which was agreed and accepted by the Customs.

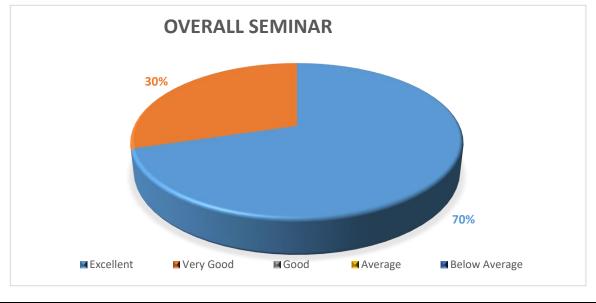
## **Feedback Analysis**











## **Benefits of the Seminar:**

