

PRESS RELEASE

GJEPC organises Open House with Customs & DGFT in Jaipur



The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council organized an Open House with the Commissioner of Customs Shri O.P. Dadhich and Jt. Director General of Foreign Trade Shri Virendra Singh on 21st February, 2011 in Jaipur. While addressing the members Shri O.P. Dadhich assured that he will forward the Council's representation to the CBEC to ensure that Personal Carriage facility from Jaipur Port can be restored back which will help the exporters from Jaipur in increasing the exports.

In the Open House the participant members raised various issues related to the Customs department which were addressed by the Commissioner of Customs. The on the spot disposal of the problems approach taken by Shri Dadhich was appreciated by the exporters. Many issues raised by the exporters were resolved by Shri Dadhich during the Open House like:-

1. Duty free re-import of rejected jewellery within one year of export. Often some pieces of jewellery out of total lot exported are rejected because they are either un-salable or have any defect. Shri Dadhich clarified that at the time of exports the photographs of the jewellery should be attested by the customs so that it can be correlated at the time of import.
2. Clearance of import parcel of Gold Jewellery from Thailand under FTA will be at 1 % duty. Currently the duty is being charged at rate of four percent. He clarified that all such imports should be subjected to one percent of duty.
3. The arrangement will be made that import containers of rough Gemstones imported at CONCOR get cleared in single day. Presently most of the shipment are referred to the trade panel for seeking opinion which delays the clearance. Shri Dadhich clarified that the necessary instructions shall be

passed to the concerned officers.

On this occasion Shri Virendra Singh, Jt. DGFT, Jaipur appraised the members about the various facilities available with the advance license scheme etc. In his address Shri Virendra Singh informed the member exporters that to match the international competition they should use the latest technology, for which they should take the benefit of EPCG and DFIA scheme.

At the beginning of the Open House the Chairman of the Council Shri Rajiv Jain welcomed the guests and informed that exports of the Gem & Jewellery in the current financial year is expected to reach US\$ 33 Billion, Rajasthan has less share in this export figure but has lot of potential to increase its share in the exports of Gems & Jewellery. In the end of the Open House vote of thanks was given by Shri Ashok Singhi, Convener Coloured Gemstones Panel.

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