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Dr. Sonia Sethi, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Mumbai being felicitated by Vijay Kalantari, Vice Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai at the Open House Meet organized by the WTC Mumbai last week.

DGFT assures transparent, robust process to boost exports

By A Business Reporter

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apex body for implementation of foreign trade policy with its four zonal and 33 regional offices. The office of additional DGFT western region caters to almost 40% of export-import related applications of India.

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Indian MSME sector has a lot of potential: Sonia Sethi

Dr. Sonia Sethi, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade ensures transparent and robust process to boost exports. Jescilia Karayamparambil reports.

What are the key factors that DGFT is focusing on?

The bigger picture for DGFT is to increase the export rate from 2% to 3.5%. The Zonal office (West) in Mumbai handles around 40% of the country's trade. Hence, as the newly appointed Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, it is my priority to oversee that the entire banquet of services rendered by the office is delivered as per the stipulated guidelines and in a stipulated time frame. An outreach programs to address issues concerning exporters is

next on the agenda. DGFT (Mumbai) managed to bring down Import Export Code (IEC)/ Merchandise Export Incentive Scheme (MEIS) applications to zero pendency.

How did you achieve that?

Despite all the limitations, the team has responded well. They have seen to it that we are strictly adhering to the timeline. The pendency for major licenses, scripts and other permissions are as per the time frame. The regular monitoring, solving and administering issues have helped us to have a very excellent start. Now, the effort is to



Dr. Sonia Sethi felicitated by Vijay Kalantari, V C, WTC

sustain it and continue with this good work.

What is your take on GST bill?

Right now, there is a constitutional journey that the bill has to take. In time to come, we will see how some of schemes that the DGFT office is implementing

will be impacted with the development that is taking place. Already, there are communications that are taking place in the highest level in the ministry of commerce and finance. All these issues are talked in detail and I think the roll out will be 1st April. In due course, there will be more clarity.

What are the key areas that you are focusing with regards to MSMEs?

We are looking at identifying MSMEs which have high export potential and to figure out where those clusters are densely located. There is some identification

that has already been done by the government. For instance, the pharmaceutical and engineering sectors are examples of some sectors that government of India has identified. But this does not stop us for carrying any such initiative. MSMEs have a lot of potential. They just need some mentoring and confidence building. We plan to achieve that through various outreach programs. We are trying to play the role of a facilitator.

Do you think we need any new modern trade policy?

The current foreign trade policy has addressed lot of concerns. We have just begun in 2015 and we should let it in good spirit. And, any major concerns can be handled at the mid-term review.

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‘डीजीएफटी’ निर्यात वाढविण्यासाठीची प्रक्रिया पारदर्शक, वेगवान करणार

डॉ. सोनिया सेठी यांनी मुंबईतील पहिल्याच भेटीत निर्यातदारांची ऐकली गाव्हाणी

मुंबई, रविवार (वृत्तसंस्था) - लघु आणि मध्यम उद्योजकांसाठी आपले कार्यालय विशेष प्रयत्न करीत असल्याचे स्पष्ट करीत येत्या काही महिन्यांमध्ये ‘डीजीएफटी’ अर्थात विदेश व्यापार महासंचालनालय हा मालाच्या निर्यात वाढविण्यासाठी व त्यात पारदर्शकता आणण्यासाठी प्रक्रिया पारदर्शक, वेगवान करणार आहे. तसेच निर्यातीचे चोख वेळापत्रक सरकारी यंत्रणेद्वारे राबविले जाईल. या विभागाचा कार्यभार मी दोन महिन्यांपूर्वीच स्वीकारला आहे. या विभागाला भेडसावत असलेल्या विविध समस्या सोडवण्यासाठी आणि या क्षेत्रामध्ये चांगले व्यापारी येण्यासाठी आमची टीम अविरत

कार्यरत आहे, असे प्रतिपादन त विदेश व्यापार महासंचालनालयाच्या अतिरिक्त महासंचालक डॉ. सोनिया सेठी यांनी मार्गदर्शन केले. मुंबईत मोठा पाऊस असूनही या बैठकीला उपस्थितांची मोठी गर्दी होती. या बैठकीमध्ये २०१५-२०२०च्या विदेशी व्यापार धोरणानुसार २०२० पर्यंत भारताची



निर्यात ४६५.९ बिलियन डॉलर्सहून ९०० बिलियन डॉलर्सपर्यंत वाढणे अपेक्षित आहे. वाढीचा हा दर २ टक्क्यांहून ३.५ टक्क्यांवर जाणे गरजेचे आहे. ‘डीजीएफटी’ ही विदेशी व्यापार धोरण ठरविणारी सर्वोच्च संस्था आहे. या संस्थेची चार विभागीय कार्यालये असून ३३ स्थानिक कार्यालये आहेत.

‘डीजीएफटी’च्या अतिरिक्त पश्चिम विभागीय कार्यालयाद्वारे देशभरातील ४० टक्के आयात-निर्यात संबंधीच्या अजावर कार्यवाही केली जाते. ‘डीजीएफटी’ने भविष्यात इनव्हॉइस प्रक्रियेबद्दल डिजिटायझेशनचा पर्याय अवलंबणे गरजेचे असल्याचेही यावेळी सांगण्यात आले.

पैशांच्या रकमांमधील गैरव्यवहार रोखण्यासाठी ‘फ्रिम इनवॉइस रिमीटन्स सर्टिफिकेट’ चा (एफआयआरसी) वापर करावा, याबाबतही सूचविण्यात आले. ‘डीजीएफटी’द्वारे सध्या वेगवान नियंत्रण प्रणाली वापरण्यात येते. त्यामुळे या संदर्भात निर्यातदारांचे अर्ज पडून राहण्याचे प्रकार आता थांबले आहेत. व्यापारामधील वाद तसेच उपयुक्त तक्रारीबद्दल लवकरच एक बैठक बोलावण्यात येणार असल्याचीही माहिती त्यांनी दिली. त्या म्हणाल्या की, निर्यातदारांचे प्रश्न सोडविण्यालाच आमचे प्राधान्य राहणार आहे. तसेच आमची कार्यपद्धती ही आता अधिककरून ऑनलाईन झाली आहे. महाराष्ट्रामधील लघु आणि मध्यम निर्यातदारांसाठी ‘अतिरिक्त डीजीएफटी’ कार्यालयाद्वारे दोन महत्त्वाच्या कार्यक्रमांचे आयोजन करण्यात येणार आहे. त्यापैकी पहिला कार्यक्रम येत्या सप्टेंबरमध्ये

टाण्यात आयोजित केला असून दुसरा कार्यक्रम नोव्हेंबरमध्ये मुंबईत होणार आहे. टाण्यामधील कार्यक्रमात इलेक्ट्रिकल, लोखंड, स्टील आणि मशीन स्टूलबाबत चर्चा होणार आहे, तर मुंबईतील कार्यक्रमात औषध क्षेत्राबाबत चर्चा अपेक्षित आहे. यावेळी व्हर्ड ट्रेड सेंटर मुंबईचे उपाध्यक्ष विजय कलंत्री म्हणाले, जागतिक पातळीवरील सध्याचे बदल पाहता भारतीय निर्यातदारांनी आफ्रिका, लॅटिन अमेरिका आणि मध्य पूर्वेतील नवीन बाजारपेठेकडे लक्ष द्यायला हवे. अशाप्रकारच्या चर्चासत्रांमुळे निर्यातउद्योग आणि सरकारमधील विविध समस्यांचे निराकरण होणार आहे. डॉ. सेठी या सकारात्मक दृष्टीकोनाच्या असून वेगवान निर्णयांसाठी त्या ओळखल्या जातात. भविष्यात अशाप्रकारचे कार्यक्रम आयोजित केल्यास व्हर्ड ट्रेड सेंटरला आनंदच होईल.

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तब्बल १८ महिन्यांनंतर जून २०१६ पासून भारतामधील निर्यात प्रक्रियेला सुरुवात झाली आहे. या पार्श्वभूमीवर वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटर मुंबई आणि अखिल भारतीय व्यापार संघटना यांच्या संयुक्त विद्यमाने एका बैठकीचे आयोजन करण्यात आले होते. वर्ल्ड ट्रेड सेंटरच्या संकुलात झालेल्या या बैठकीला डॉ. सोनिया सेठी यांनी मार्गदर्शन केले. या बैठकीमध्ये लघु आणि मध्यम उद्योजकांसाठी आपले कार्यालय विशेष प्रयत्न करत असल्याचे स्पष्ट करत डॉ. सेठी या वेळी म्हणाल्या, येत्या काही महिन्यांमध्ये मालाच्या निर्यातीमध्ये पारदर्शकता आणण्यासाठी निर्यातीचे चोख



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महाराष्ट्रातील निर्यातदारांसाठी दोन कार्यक्रम

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Open house held with IAS officer

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In her first open house meet with MSMEs, Dr Sonia Sethi addresses the woes of exporters

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In recent times, Indian exporters have been facing commercial payment defaults especially from importers in Africa and some countries of Latin America owing to various factors such as falling commodity prices and currency crises in these countries. Exporters in sectors such as auto and auto components, pharmaceuticals, capital goods, electrical and electronic equipments etc are severely affected by the payment default. The Indian government is considering steps such as introduction of barter deals, opening of escrow accounts and so on to address the issue.

Office of Additional DGFT, Mumbai is now planning to sensitise all exporters to these countries about the payment risks in these regions.

Suggestions from the audience included the need for DGFT to locate the 80 million MSMEs in India and their proposed classification based on the 1,200 odd sectors. This, many felt, was needed for cluster management and would make them globally competitive.

Dr Sethi's team made presentations on ease of applications, advance authorization norms and the crucial export promotion capital goods scheme. Exporters were informed about the common errors they make in applications and how they can rectify the same in future.

Another suggestion was that DGFT could consider more comprehensive digitisation from invoicing to drawbacks, with electronic transmission of invoice etc to the banks for issue of digital Foreign Inward Remittance Certificate (FIRC) and automatic calculation of duty drawback to avoid fraud and wrong claims. To

this, officials stated that with the introduction of GST, a robust GST network is being instituted. This would evolve over time.

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Dr Sethi also assured the exporters that she would soon convene a meeting of the Committee on Quality Complaints and Trade Disputes. "We have a comprehensive basket of deliverables and our effort is to facilitate and resolve difficulties faced by exporters. Large part of our systems is now online," she explained.

The office of Additional DGFT, Mumbai, is planning two important events, one in Thane (September) and the other in Mumbai (November), for the MSME clusters in Maharashtra in 2016-17. The MSME sector focus in Thane is electrical, iron, steel and machine tools, while the Mumbai event will focus on Pharmaceuticals.

Earlier Mr Vijay Kalantri, Vice Chairman, WTC Mumbai pointed out that in the changing world scenario, exporters in India must look for new markets in Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. "There is a new euphoria of growth in India and such discussions can only clear issues between the industry and the government. Dr Sethi has been always proactive and is known to take fast decisions. The WTC Mumbai would be happy to organise such sessions in the future."

Caption L to R: Dr. Sonia Sethi, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade, Mumbai felicitated by Mr. Vijay Kalantari, Vice Chairman, World Trade Centre Mumbai in the Open House Meet organized by the WTC Mumbai.

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व्यापार प्रतिनिधी, मुंबई | August 9, 2016 5:05 AM

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