

Minutes of the first meeting of 2nd Task Force on Transaction Cost in Exports

The first meeting of the 2nd Task force on Transaction Cost in Exports took place on 17th May, 2013 at 3.30 p.m. in room No.11, DGFT, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. Following were present:

(i)	Dr. Anup K. Pujari, DGFT	in Chair
(ii)	Shri .D.K.Singh, Addl. DGFT	Member-Secretary
(iii)	Shri Ajoy Kumar Behera,ED,Traffic (Railways)	Official Member
(iv)	Shri S.M.Bhatnagar, JS, Revenue	Official Member (was granted leave of absence)
(v)	Shri Ajay Jain, Commissioner, CE	Official Member
(vi)	Shri M.C.Jauhari, JS, Shipping	Official Member
(vii)	Shri L.B.S.Reddy, Director, MoCA	representing of Shri Anil Srivastava, JS
(viii)	Ms Anjula S.Solanky, Dy.DG.CII	representing of DG, CII
(ix)	Shri Abhishek Tayal, Dy. Dir,FIEO	representing Shri Ajay Sahai, DG & CEO

The following decisions were taken in the meeting:

1. Task Force will invite suggestions relating to issues that are causing avoidable transaction cost to the exporters. The suggestion will be invited from general public and also from other stake holder like administrative Ministries, and Trade & Industry Bodies. DGFT will issue a Trade Notice for this purpose. DGFT will write to all EPCS, Ministries & State Government.
2. Task Force members may visit in groups to;
 - a. Critical trade interaction points to identify processes, measures that need to be streamlined.
 - b. National and international interaction points which are considered benchmark in their fields. Members will make actionable recommendations for adopting these standards in Indian context.
3. The members were provided with some of the suggestions received by DGFT on the matter. It was agreed that efforts be made to ensure that the work of the Committee is completed in the time limit prescribed, i.e. in 6 months.
4. The second meeting will be held on 12th June 2013. The third meeting may be convened before the onset of Monsoon Session of Parliament.