

EPCH takes representation in an Interactive Industry Meeting with Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Piyush Goyal

29th October 2025, New Delhi: Mr. Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, held an interaction with industry leaders representing various Textiles Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and Industry Associations. EPCH was represented by Mr. Prince Mallik and Mr. Arshad Mir, COA Members, EPCH, along with Mr. Rajesh Rawat, Additional Executive Director, EPCH.

The objective of the meeting was to bring together trade associations, export promotion councils and policymakers to deliberate on current challenges, identify actionable solutions and explore strategies to enhance India's export competitiveness.

During the discussions, Mr. Prince Mallik proposed several key measures to safeguard exporters and strengthen India's trade resilience in light of the recent US tariff developments. His suggestions included: Introduction of a 30% Cost Equalisation Incentive to offset increased export costs; Enhanced benefits under the Interest Equalisation Scheme; Income Tax exemptions on export earnings, similar to the erstwhile Section 80HHC of the Income Tax Act; Extension of the export realisation period from 180 days to 360 days without penal interest; and A moratorium on loan repayments to ease liquidity stress on exporters. Mr. Arshad Mir further emphasized the urgent need for the implementation of



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the Export Promotion Mission and proactive government intervention on the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) to safeguard the interests of Indian exporters. The Hon'ble Minister gave a patient hearing to all the issues raised by the representatives and assured appropriate consideration by the Ministry. ■

Outreach Programme on UK FTA organised by DGFT and DIC, Bareilly

29th October 2025, Bareilly: An Outreach Programme was organised by the Office of the Additional Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and the District Industries Centre (DIC), Bareilly, to

hold consultations on the UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

The programme was chaired by Smt. Vrunda Manohar Desai, Additional DGFT, and Mr. Avinash Singh, District Magistrate, Bareilly.

It was also attended by Mr. Birender Kumar, Joint Commissioner, Industries Department, Bareilly.

EPCH was among the councils invited for the consultation. Representing EPCH, Mr. Naveen Gaur, Deputy Director, EPCH, made a presentation on the UK FTA and briefed participants on the Council's activities, export promotion initiatives and support mechanisms for handicraft exporters. He also addressed queries raised during the interactive session. The event also saw participation from other key institutions, including FIEO, ECGC and Union Bank of India. ■

