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The Customs commissioner urged exporters to opt for DPE as it would enable cargo clearance within 24 hours, an efficiency that even Air cargos may not offer.

The open-house also saw the participation of Dr S.K. Vimalanathan, Central Excise Commissioner for Thane; Dr Vijay Kalantri, President of the All India Association for Industries and Vice-Chairman of the World Trade Center.

While responding to a query on GST related bottlenecks, Dr Vimalanathan averred that GST related adjudications are being handled on zero mission mode, and a simpler system has been put in place to ensure unambiguous and easier tax filing process. The excise department has already implemented measures such as single window clearances, which allow for single declaration unlike previously when plants, animals, quarantine, hazardous chemicals needed to be filed separately. The DPD scheme has been enlarged to allow more importers, while the Authorized Economic Operator Scheme has been modified. "We have also offered deferred payment duty scheme," he shared.

The house also discussed issues such as demonetization, procedures in AD code generation, EP copy, AEO schemes and other policies. Replying to a query on tax procedures, Dr Kalantri said, "Tax simplification is the need of the hour. No industry wants a cumbersome process. And quicker customs procedures will help save costs on transportation, additional taxation and help reduce overall transaction costs."

The event was attended by over 100 participants from the industry, and Praveen Kumar, the Additional DGFT's absence did make a mark as he is reputed for his insights on cross-border and foreign trade.
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Dr Joseph was speaking at the All India Organization of Industries’ open house session on customs, service tax and foreign trade. JNPT is India’s 34th largest port, contributing nearly 25% of national revenue to customs while catering to 60% of customs-cargo volume. Dr. Joseph in his speech outlined the initiatives such as Direct Port Delivery, Direct Port Exports and the digital practices at his agency. He also pointed out that though the systems are in place it is unfortunate that many businesses are unaware of the systems and the facilities that the agency offers. Such unawareness leads to delays in business, thereby escalating costs and narrowing profits.

The Commissioner explained how a short folly from a corporate biggie ended up skewing the World Bank research numbers. The World Bank study group tried analysing the speed with which products could be delivered from Korea to Mumbai and further processed. “We (customs) gave clearance in a record span time, but this large industrial MNC took almost 8 days to claim their product, which unfortunately skewed the survey results,” he said. He also pointed out that business houses blame the customs for not operating full-time, although the department is staffed only at 48% capacity. The department, in fact, loses money hiring resources, and manpower between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am when only 10-15 bills are being filed.

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