

from India Scheme (MEIS) under the Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, *inter-alia*, incentivizes exporters of specified products exporting to specified countries using e-commerce. Such notified incentives are granted to export of goods falling under the category of handicrafts, handloom products, books/periodicals, leather footwear, toys and customized fashion garments having FOB value up to ₹ 25000 per consignment. Such goods can be exported through Foreign Post Offices at New Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai and by courier through Airports at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai in manual mode. Government has prescribed simplified form of shipping bill, namely, Courier Shipping Bill (CSB-II) for goods (including e-commerce) for the same.

**Granting status of institute of national importance to IIP**

1309. SHRI N. GOKULAKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) has its limitations in adopting techniques, carrying out research, etc., in view of it not getting the status of institute of national importance;

(b) what steps the Ministry has taken on the demands of IIP industry and also from various quarters for elevating IIP into an institute of national importance;

(c) whether IIP has developed any new technology/technique to dispose packaging waste; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN) (a) and (b) Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP), an autonomous body of the Government, functioning in partnership with the industry, carries out activities in the field of education, training and consultancy for packaging. In the wake of developments in the packaging industry in India, and growing demand of packaging professionals by the packaging industries, the industry has sought the status of Institution of National Importance (INI) for IIP. No specific decision has been taken on the suggestion.

(c) and (d) IIP is involved in research on management of packaging waste and development of an innovative composite material by using natural fiber material along with minimum quantity of polymeric material. The Institute is actively involved in evaluation of quality of various types of materials being developed from the packaging waste like pallets, particle boards etc. in terms of their mechanical properties and in identification of their suitability for packaging application.