



Seminar on Containing Counterfeiting and Smuggling

-A Step Towards Prosperous Nation Building-

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FICCI meet stresses on tax evasion, job losses

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Chennai: After GST's introduction, tax evasion has gone up considerably and about ₹2.5 lakh crore tax evasion has been reported in 2019-2020, said P C Jha, former chairman of central board of indirect taxes (CBIC) and currently customs advisor to FICCI.

Jha told TOI that about 16 lakh people had lost their jobs directly or indirectly in 2017, quoting a study conducted by Thought Arbitrage Research Institute (TARI), an NGO in Delhi.

A FICCI report said the total employment losses globally due to counterfeit currency and piracy is expected to rise to 4.2 to 5.4 million jobs in 2022.

Principal commissioner of directorate of revenue intelligence, M M Parthiban, and CB-CID superintendent of police C Vijayakumar and others participated in the conference.

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₹1,17L crore loss due to smuggling: Study

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The country loses ₹1,17,253 crore due to smuggling in textiles, cigarettes, ready-made garments, capital goods and consumer electronics sector, according to a study conducted by FICCI Cascade's study — 'Invisible Enemy: Impact of Smuggling on Indian Economy and Employment.'

The study also revealed that 16.36 lakh people lost employment opportunities due to backward linkage and multiplier effects in these sectors in 2017-18. About 5.01 lakh direct employment opportunities were lost in textiles, ciga-

rettes, readymade garments, capital goods and consumer electronics was in 2017-18 and 3.55 lakh persons lost employment opportunities in readymade garments and tobacco products, which are labour-intensive industries. The country lost Rs 1,17,253 crore due to smuggling in these five sectors.

Another FICCI report, 'Illicit trade: Fueling Terror

Financing and Organized Crime' also highlighted that about 2 to 2.6 million jobs were lost across globe due to counterfeit and piracy in 2013 and it is expected to grow up to 4.2 to 5.4 million in 2022, an approximate increase of 110 per cent.

Inaugurating conference on 'Containing Counterfeiting and Smuggling - A Step Towards Prosperous Nation Building', Justice S. Tamilvanan, president, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chennai, said smuggling and counterfeiting affects not only the government revenue but industries also face the heat. The need of

hour is to increase awareness on the hazards of counterfeiting and smuggling and effective enforcement of laws, he said.

DGP Civil Supplies (CID), Tamil Nadu Prateep V. Philip, said increasing internet penetration of over 302 million internet users makes India the second largest online user base in the world. Owing to the shift in customers from offline purchases to online purchases, a multi-pronged and multi-layered approach across all supply chain is required to establish a universal and uniform electronic pedigree.

Among others, chairperson, FICCI Tamil Nadu

State Council & JMD, the KCP Ltd V. Kavitha Dutt, advisor, FICCI CASCADE and former chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs P. C. Jha, International Expert, Customs Law, Procedures & Trade facilitation and Think Tank member, FICCI Cascade, Kameswari Subramanian, advisor, FICCI Cascade and former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi and Deep Chand, Director of Programs, Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT), P. Suriya Prabha, and Head, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council P. Sridharan, spoke on the occasion.

Prevention of smuggling can increase employment by up to 16.36L: Ficci repost

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Speaking at the seminar on 'Containing Counterfeiting and Smuggling- A Step Towards Prosperous Nation Building' organized by FICCI CASCADE (Committee Against Smuggling and Counterfeiting Activities Destroying the Economy), Dr Tamilvanan said, "This national problem can be reduced through proper laws and stringent actions, which in turn will lead to a prosperous nation building. Effective enforcement, special courts and tribunals, proper development and awareness are the pillars to



V Kavitha Dutt, Chairperson, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & JMD, The KCP Ltd presenting a green certificate to Dr Justice S Tamilvanan, President, Tamil Nadu State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission during seminar on 'Containing Counterfeiting and Smuggling- A Step Towards Prosperous Nation Building' in Chennai
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India has a growing and burgeoning market in counterfeit and smuggled goods ranging from electronics to cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, apparels, cigarettes, footwear etc. Increasing internet penetration of over 302 million internet users makes India the second largest online user base. Owing to the shift in customers from offline purchases to online purchases, a multi pronged and multi layered approach across all supply chain is required to establish a universal and uniform electronic pedigree. Illicit trade is operated by

criminal gangs and terrorist groups which emphasises the importance of customs and border protection agencies in preventing and reducing this heinous crime said Dr. Prateep V. Philip, IPS, DGP Civil Supplies (CID), Government of Tamil Nadu in his special address.

Smt. V. Kavitha Dutt, Chairperson, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council & JMD, The KCP Ltd. in her welcome address highlighted that counterfeiting and smuggling adversely impacts industries, consumers, government and economies as a whole. Illicit trade has a serious decelerating effect on growth which must be curbed substantially. Consumers must be emphasized on taking a bill on every purchase for making India a tax complaint nation and encouraging citizens to be a part of progressive nation building.

As per FICCI CASCADE report, the total loss to the industry on account of illicit markets in just seven manufacturing sectors is about Rs. 105,381 crs and the total loss to the government is Rs 39,239 crores. Amongst the various sectors, the maximum revenue loss to the exchequer is attributed to tobacco products, estimating a revenue loss of Rs. 9139 crores, followed by mobile phones at Rs 6705 crores and alcoholic beverages at Rs 6309 crores.

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Mr. P. C. Jha, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs, stated "During the last twenty years, the volume of the counterfeiting activity globally has increased 100 times and the size of trade in counterfeit goods is 10% of the legal international trade (around 2% of the world's overall economic output). The problem of illicit trade is much more serious than it is commonly perceived."

During the programme panel discussions on Organized Crime Surge in India - Role of Enforcement Agencies in Combating Smuggling and Counterfeiting and Role of Government

and Industry to Fight Against Smuggled & Fake Products and Ensuring Consumer Protection were also held which were addressed by representative by leading industries, law firms and senior officers from the police, customs and DRI and chaired by Ms. Kameswari Subramanian, International Expert, Customs, Law, Procedures & Trade facilitation and Think Tank Member, FICCI CASCADE and Mr. Deep Chand, Advisor, FICCI CASCADE and Former Special Commissioner of Police, New Delhi. Ms. P. Suriya Prabha, Director of Programs, Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT) shared the international best practices in combating illicit trade and Mr. P. Sridharan, Head, FICCI Tamil Nadu State Council delivered the vote of thanks.

As per recent newspaper reports, a number of seizures of highly smuggled goods such as gold, cigarettes etc. have been carried out in the past few months in the state of Tamil Nadu. The customs, police department and the state enforcement agencies, in the last couple of months, have taken actions in the state against those dealing in smuggled products. As per the reports, recently there was a seizure by DRI at Chennai Port of smuggled cigarettes from Cambodia worth Rs 7 crores. Apart from the major cities such as Chennai, Coimbatore, and Madurai, raids were also carried out in other small towns.

Several steps are being taken by FICCI CASCADE and the government to create large-scale awareness among the most impacted segment of this menace: the consumer. The seminar has been organised in a series of such events to be organised across the country as part of a nation-wide awareness campaign to highlight the issue and focus on the growing menace of illegal trade. The event was attended by more than 100 industry captains, representative from consumer forums, government officials and stakeholders in this segment.

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Use RFID tags to tackle fake goods menace online: Experts

CHENNAI: With online purchases fuelling the sale of counterfeit products, enforcement agencies urged firms to use bar codes and RFID tags when selling via e-portals to assure consumers of authentic goods.

At a FICCI seminar here, Shakthi Priya, Legal Consultant, Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL), elaborated on the challenges the firm faces from duplicate products. "When it comes to shopping online, most of the fake products that are designed to look like genuine HUL products, have slight variations in packaging. Sometimes the colours are dull, there are changes in the font style of the text or the items delivered may just be packaged poorly," she said.

Over 302 million people in the country have access to the internet, making it the second largest global online user base. "When we find out about such fake goods being sold online, we immediately contact the seller. But, the problem is, the manufacturer may simply put up the same product on a different e-commerce site. That's why we have to continuously check listings of wherever our products are put up for sale," Priya said.

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licit markets in only seven manufacturing sectors, while the government suffers a loss of Rs 39,239 cr. Among the various sectors, at Rs 9139 cr, tobacco products account for the maximum revenue loss. It is followed by mobile phones at Rs 6,705 cr and alcoholic beverages at Rs 6,309 cr.

Prateep V Philip, DGP, Civil Supplies (CID), stressed on the need for brands to "track and trace" the products shipped to consumers.

"Companies should seriously consider using RFID tags and bar codes, besides tamper proof packing, to track and trace where their products are being delivered and to assure of their authenticity," he said.

Urging that consumers must not bear the brunt of 'Fake in India' instead of 'Make in India,' Philip said brands should unite to fight the menace of

counterfeit goods to rebuild confidence in consumers. "Money from illicit trade also fuels terrorist activities, hence, there should be no tolerance towards fake products," he added.

Sajjansingh R Chavan, Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, said despite enforcement agencies crackdown on counterfeit products, manufacturers themselves should make it easier for consumers to get in touch with them if they come across such items.

"Currently, there are a lot of levels that consumers have to go through to inform manufacturers of fake products. A streamlined, formal system will allow for effective communication between consumers and brands and help curb the practise of producing counterfeit goods," he said.

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तस्करी पर प्रभावी नियंत्रण से बढ़ेंगे रोजगार के अवसर

जालसाजी एवं तस्करी को लेकर सेमिनार आयोजित

चेन्नई. फिक्की कासकेड की ओर से जालसाजी एवं तस्करी को लेकर सेमिनार आयोजित किया गया। यह समृद्ध राष्ट्र बनाने की दिशा में एक कदम है। फिक्की कासकेड स्टडी के अनुसार यदि तस्करी को रोका जाए तो इससे पांच महत्वपूर्ण उद्योगों में 16.36 लाख नौकरियां बढ़ सकती हैं। वक्ताओं का कहना था कि

तस्करी से पांच महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्र में भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था को 1,17,253 करोड़ का नुकसान होता है।

कपड़ा, तम्बाकू उत्पाद, रेडीमेड गारमेन्ट्स तथा कैपिटल गुड्स (मशीनरी एवं पार्ट्स) एवं कन्ज्यूमर इ यूरबल्स (इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स) जैसे टाप इन्डस्ट्रीज तस्करी से प्रभावित हैं।

इन पांच उद्योगों में यदि प्रभावी तरीके से तस्करी को नियंत्रित किया गया तो 5.01 लाख लोगों को सीधे आजीविका मिल सकती है। सेमिनार

में जागरूकता बढ़ाने पर चर्चा की गई। इस मौके पर तमिलनाडु स्टेट कन्ज्यूमर डिस्प्यूट रिड्रेसल कमिशन चेन्नई के अध्यक्ष डा.जस्टिस एस.तमिलवानन, आईपीएस अधिकारी डा.प्रदीप वी.फिलिप तथा फिक्की तमिलनाडु स्टेट काउंसिल की चेयरपर्सन वी.कविता दत्त एवं फिक्की कासकेड के सलाहकार पी.सी.झा ने भी विचार व्यक्त किए। फिक्की तमिलनाडु स्टेट काउंसिल हेड पी.श्रीधरन ने धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया।

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கள்ளநோட்டு, கடத்தல்களைக் கட்டுப்படுத்துதல் வளமான தேசத்தை கட்டமைக்கும் பணியை நோக்கிய ஒரு அடி - கருத்தரங்கம்

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"நுகர்வோர் பாதுகாப்புச் சட்டம், 1986

இன்படி நுகர்வோர் உரிமைகள் பாதுகாக்கப்

பட வேண்டும். சுத்தல், கள்ளநோட்டு ஆகியவை



அரசாங்கத்தின் வருவாயை மட்டுமல்ல, வர்த்தகம் மற்றும் தொழில், மக்களின் ஆரோக்கியம் மற்றும் பாதுகாப்பையும் மோசமாக பாதிக்கிறது. இந்த தேசிய பிரச்சினை, சரியான சட்டங்கள் மற்றும் கடுமையான நடவடிக்கைகள் மூலம் குறைக்கப்படலாம், இது ஒருவளமான தேசக்கட்டமைப்புக்கு வழிவகுக்கும். பயனுள்ள அமலாக்கம், சிறப்பு நிதிமன்றங்கள் மற்றும் தீர்ப்பாயங்கள், சரியான வளர்ச்சி மற்றும் விழிப்புணர்வு ஆகியவை இந்த அச்சுறுத்தலைக் கட்டுப்படுத்துவதற்கான தூண்கள், தமிழ்நாடு மாநில நுகர்வோர் சச்சரவுகள் நிவாரண ஆணையம், சென்னை எஃப்.ஐ.சி.சி.ஐ. கேஸ்கேட் (பொருளாதாரத்தை அழிக்கும் கடத்தல் மற்றும் கள்ள நடவடிக்கைகளுக்கு எதிரான குழு) முதன்மை விருந்தினர், டாக்டர் ஜஸ்டிஸ் எஸ். தமிழ்வாணந்தலைமையில் 'கள்ளநோட்டு, கடத்தல்களை கட்டுப்படுத்துதல் - வளமான தேசத்தை கட்டமைக்கும் பணியை நோக்கிய ஒரு அடி' தலைப்பில் கருத்தரங்கு இன்று நடைபெற்றது. கருத்தரங்கில் கள்ளநோட்டு மற்றும் கடத்தல்களால் ஏற்படும் அபாயங்களுக்குறித்த விழிப்புணர்வின் முக்கியத்துவம் மற்றும் இந்தியாவின் பொருளாதாரத்தை மேம்படுத்த பயனுள்ள நடவடிக்கைகளின் தேவை பற்றியும் விவாதிக்கப்பட்டது.

எலக்ட்ரானிக்ஸ் முதல் ஆபரோகாசனப் பொருட்கள், பாடாயூட்டி கல்ஸ், ஆடைகள், சிகரெட்டுகள், பாதுகாப்பு உடைகள் மற்றும் கடத்தப்பட்ட பொருட்களில் இந்தியாவளர்ந்துவரும் மற்றும் அதிகரித்துவரும் சந்தையைக் கொண்டுள்ளது. 302 மில்லியனுக்கும் அதிகமான பயனர்களின் இணைய உணர்வு வலு அதிகரிப்பது இந்தியாவை இரண்டாவது பெரிய ஆன்லைன் பயனர்களின் மாகாந்திரம் ஆக்கியது. ஆன்லைன் வாங்குதல்களில் இருந்து ஆன்லைன் வாங்குதல் களுக்கு வாடிக்கையாளர்களை மாற்றுவதன் மூலம், அனைத்துவிதிகளையும் கட்டுப்பாடு மற்றும் பல அடுக்கு அணுகுமுறை ஒரு உலகளாவிய மற்றும் சீரான மின்னணு பரம்பரையை நிறுவ வேண்டும். கிரிமினல்கள் மூலம் மற்றும் பயங்கரவாத குழுக்களால் சுட்ட விரோதவர்த்தகம் நடத்தப்படுகிறது. இந்த கொடுமான குற்றங்களைத் தடுப்பது, குறைப்பதில் கங்கமற்றும் எல்லை பாதுகாப்பு குறைகளின் முக்கியத்துவம் வெளிப்படுகிறது என்று டாக்டர் பிரதிபி. பிலிப், ஐபிஎஸ், டிஜிபி சிவில் சப்ளைஸ் (சிஐடி - தமிழக அரசு), சிறப்பு ரையில் தெரிவித்தார்.

எஃப்.ஐ.சி.சி.ஐ, தமிழ்நாடு மாநில கவுன்சில் & ஜே.எம்.டி.கே.சி.பி லிமிடெட் தலைவர், வி.கவிதாத்தனது வரவேற்புரையில், கள்ளநோட்டு, கடத்தல் தொழில்கள் நுகர்வோர், அரசு மற்றும் பொருளாதாரத்தை ஒட்டு மொத்தமாக பாதிக்கிறது என்று எடுத்துக் கூறினார். சட்டவிரோதவர்த்தகம் வளர்ச்சியில் கடுமையான விழ்ச்சியை உண்டாக்குகிறது. இது பெருமளவில் கட்டுப்படுத்தப்பட வேண்டும். இந்தியாவில் முறையாக வரி செலுத்தும் நாடாக மாற்றவும் முன்னேற்றமடையும் தேசத்தை உருவாக்கும் குடிமக்களை ஒரு அங்கமாகத் திசுடிக்கப்படுத்தவும் பொருள் வாங்கும் ஒவ்வொரு தடவையும் அதற்கான பில்லை வாங்க வேண்டும் என்று நுகர்வோருக்கு அறிவுறுத்தப்பட வேண்டும்.

స్మగ్లింగ్ అరికడదాం

- జస్టిస్ ఎస్ తమిళవాసన్
- ఫిక్కి సదస్సులో వెల్లడి

టీ.నగర్: స్మగ్లింగ్, నకిలీ కార్యకలాపాలు ప్రభుత్వ ఆదాయాన్ని దెబ్బతీయడమే కాకుండా వాణిజ్య, పరిశ్రమ రంగాలను, ప్రజల ఆరోగ్యాన్ని, భద్రతకు అటంకం ఏర్పడుతోందని తమిళనాడు స్టేట్ కన్సర్వేటివ్ డిస్ట్రీక్ట్ రిటైన్ జస్ట్ కమిషన్, (చెన్నై) ప్రెసిడెంట్ జస్టిస్ ఎస్.తమిళవాసన్ అన్నారు. వాటిని అడ్డుకోవడానికి కఠిన చట్టాలు, చర్యలు అవసరమవుతాయని, తద్వారా దేశాభివృద్ధి సాధ్యమౌతుందని ఆయన అభిప్రాయపడ్డారు. నగరంలో ఫెడరేషన్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియన్ చాంబర్స్ ఆఫ్ కామర్స్ అండ్ ఇండస్ట్రీ (ఫిక్కి) కేస్టేడ్ సదస్సు

బుధవారం జరిగింది. ఇందులో జస్టిస్ ఎస్ తమిళవాసన్తోపాటు రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వ పౌర సరఫరాల శాఖ, డిజిపీ ప్రతాప్ వి. ఫిలిప్, ఫిక్కి, తమిళనాడు స్టేట్ కౌన్సిల్, చైర్మన్స్ వి. కవితా దత్, హెడ్ పి. శ్రీధర్స్ పాల్గొన్నారు. ఈ సందర్భంగా తమిళవాసన్ మాట్లాడుతూ.. ప్రత్యేక కోర్టులు, ట్రైబ్యూనల్స్, తగిన అవగాహన అవసరమని వినియోగదారుల రక్షణ చట్టం, 1986 ప్రకారం వినియోగదారుల హక్కులు పరిరక్షించబడాలని అన్నారు. స్మగ్లింగ్ను సమర్థవంతంగా అరికడదామని, దీంతో ఉపాధి అవకాశాలు మెరుగుపడతాయన్నారు. అనంతరం ప్రతాప్ వి. ఫిలిప్ మాట్లాడుతూ భారత దేశంలో ఎలక్ట్రానిక్స్ నుంచి కాస్మెటిక్స్, ఫార్మసిటికల్స్, అవురెల్స్, సిగరెట్స్, ఫుట్వేర్ వరకు నకిలీలు విచ్చ



జస్టిస్ ఎస్ తమిళవాసన్కు ప్రశంసా పత్రాన్ని అందజేస్తున్న కవితాదత్. పక్కన ప్రతాప్ వి.ఫిలిప్, పి.శ్రీధర్స్

లవిడిగా చెలామణి అవుతున్నట్లు తెలిపారు. వీటిని అరికట్టేందుకు కస్టమ్స్, సరిహద్దు రక్షణ సంస్థలు చర్యలు తీసుకుంటున్నట్లు పేర్కొన్నారు. వి. కవితాదత్ తన స్వాగతోపన్యాసంలో స్మగ్లింగ్, నకిలీలు పరిశ్రమలను, వినియోగదారులతోపాటు ప్రభుత్వ ఆదాయానికి

అడ్డంకిగా ఉన్నాయని, దీన్ని నివారించేందుకు పటిష్టమైన చర్యలు అవసరమన్నారు. ప్రతి వినియోగదారుడు కొనుగోలు వస్తువులకు సంబంధించి బిల్లులను తీసుకునేలా అవగాహన కల్పించాలని, దేశాభివృద్ధిలో వారు భాగస్వామి కావాలని కోరారు.