VSEZ – Orientation-cum-Training Programme on GST held at Visakhapatnam on 09.06.2017
Smt. Sobhana K.S.Rao, IFS, Zonal Development Commissioner, Visakhapatnam Special Economic Zone said that Govt. has instructed all the SEZ Developers, SEZ Units and 100% EOUs to register with GSTN for which awareness programmes in association with EPCES were conducted on 6th June’2017 at Hyderabad, Telangana and on 9th June’2017 at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Overwhelming response was received as more than 300 companies including SEZ Developers, SEZ Units and 100% EOUs, Officials were present at both locations. Inaugurating the session Smt.Sobhana K.S.Rao explained the purpose of the awareness programme and the steps taken by the Govt. to ensure that all SEZ Developers, SEZ Units and 100% EOUs GST compliant. She told that the programme is rightly organised at the need of the hour as the myths/apprehensions on the implementation of GST prevailing can be clarified. Shri K.Nagendra, Dy.Commissioner, Commercial Taxes touched the concept of the GST and the basics followed by a presentation by Smt.Padmaja, CTO on the transition and returns. Shri Gopi Donti Reddy, Dy.Director, NACEN, Hyderabad
gave a presentation covering all the aspects of GST. Shri Joseph G Patil, Asst.Commissioner, Customs,Central Excise & Service Tax, Visakhapatnam has touched the transistional process and about the registration process. Shri Nigam, Consultant, Export Promotion Council for EoUs and SEZs, New Delhi in his presentation explained the relevance of GST for SEZs and EOUUs. The interactive session got a huge response as each and every one tried to get their doubts clarified. The speakers have clarified all the doubts and requested all to register with GSTN and any difficulties faced may be brought to the notice of the concerned authorities at helpline. Dr.G.Trinadh Kumar, IFS, Joint Development Commissioner, while concluding the session said that after going through the proceedings of the entire day many issues relating to GST were learnt and understood and its a good opportunity for all to have the basic understanding on GST and to get the doubts clarified. He thanked all the SEZ Developers, SEZ Units and 100% EOUUs for making the programme successful. He also conveyed special thanks to the Speakers who have immediately responded for the programme and came forward inspite of their busy schedules with the implementation of GST. Special thanks were also conveyed to Shri Rahul Gupta, Chairman, EPCES and Shri D.Srinivas, RGC Chairman and Shri Ch.Sekhar, Regional Director for their immediate response and proactive approach in organising the programme and making it successful. Development Commissioner has said that they have set up Help Desks at VSEZ, Visakhapatnam and Hyderabad to reply to any queries relating to GST.