

Meeting with Shri Raghvendra Rao, Secretary, DCPC on 9th October 2018

Shri Meela Jayadev - President, Shri Hiten Bheda - Immediate Past President, Shri L K Singh - VP North, Shri Anil Reddy - VP South, Shri Deepak Ballani - Principal Advisor met Shri Raghvendra Rao - Secretary DCPC on 9th October 2018 at New Delhi and discussed the following:-

1. Maharashtra Ban: AIPMA requested Secretary to intervene as State authorities are harassing producers and manufacturers by way of levying unjustified penalties and impounding of material. Specifically, he was informed of cases wherein the material coming from other states are being impounded as they are not registered in EPR in Maharashtra. Secretary asked AIPMA to study the state government notification properly in respect to ban on 'supply' of material or 'manufacture' of material. Any intervention would be made after careful study of the State Govt. notification.
2. Short Life PVC: Secretary was informed about the meeting called by MoEF to discuss the draft report on Ban of Short Life PVC. He was informed that the draft report is quite damaging to the industry. He was accordingly requested to intervene. Secretary, DCPC mentioned that DCPC has not been included as member of the committee. However, he asked AIPMA to attend and thereafter, officially write to DCPC for intervention, if required.
3. Skill Gap: Mr. Hiten Bheda informed Secretary about the work being undertaken to assess skill gap and future potential of the manpower in plastic sector in next 10 years.
4. Cluster Competitiveness Programme: Secretary was informed that AIPMA is planning to implement a programme for enhancing competitiveness of MSMEs units in plastic processing sector in 4 major clusters in India. This programme is in line with UNIDO ICAMT programme implemented during 2010-2014. Key activities and outcome of the programme was explained to the Secretary. Secretary appreciated the initiative to be undertaken by AIPMA.
5. Industry Data & Research: Secretary was informed that the absence of industry data on plastic processing sector is the main hindrance in driving our point for policy level changes in the Government. Secretary was further informed that AIPMA is soon going to start this massive and exhaustive exercise of collecting relevant and required data of plastic processing industry. Secretary asked AIPMA to send the proposal so that the financial support of DCPC for this initiative could be considered. Support of DCPC would also enhance acceptability and authenticity of the report.

6. AIPMA House III: Secretary was informed that AIPMA has purchased a building in Gurgaon and is planning to start Skill Development and Testing Centre. Secretary asked AIPMA to explore if CIPET could be given some space in the building to conduct their training programmes.
7. Stakeholders Meetings in AIPMA House III: AIPMA stated that it is planning to organize a meeting of all stakeholders (DCPC, MoEF, MSME, Commerce etc.) to develop a road map on key burning issues such as Single use Plastics, EPR, Skill gap etc. Secretary agreed to



extend support to this programme. The programme is likely to be organized in first/second week of Dec 2018 in AIPMA House III coinciding with Management committee meeting of AIPMA.

8. Single Use Plastics: AIPMA requested DCPC to take action with respect to defining Single Use Plastics to avoid ambiguities as well as self-interpretation by states and related authorities. Secretary mentioned that the draft proposal consisting of proposed definition should come from the Industry. He further stated that the draft definition could be then deliberated and finalized in consultation with all stakeholders. He requested AIPMA to work on this and submit the draft proposal.
9. Plastic Park: Mr. Anil Reddy mentioned that although
- 10 parks have been approved by DCPC, none have been considered for Andhra Pradesh or Telangana. Secretary informed that the Request for proposal for plastic parks was sent by DCPC to all the states. However, both AP and Telangana sent their proposals after the due date was over. Since Ministry of Finance had approved budget for 10 parks, other proposals were not considered. However, Secretary mentioned that DCPC is in the process of revising the Plastic Park policy of Govt of India. Secretary was requested to consider Plastic parks in these states in case the policy is being expanded. President and VP-South invited Secretary to Hyderabad. Secretary stated that the same could be considered in case of any industry interaction meet.