

Report on Webinar “Awareness to MSMEs for transition from Single Use Plastic (SUP) “

AIPMA along with MSME-Development Institute, Karnal, Haryana jointly organized a webinar on Awareness to MSME for transition for Single Use Plastic. The event was a great success.

The webinar began with a brief introduction from **Mr. Deepak Ballani**, He introduced the panelists and gave a very brief insight about the webinar, He addressed the problem of Single Use Plastics in India and how the Government of India is taking strict measures to eliminate SUPs from the country till 2022. He added that the webinar will provide an insights and significant knowledge on the subject. Further, he welcomed the eminent and experienced speakers and the organization heads.

Sh. Sanjeev Chawla – Director, MSME -Development Institute, Karnal enlightened us about the growing Plastic waste, mismanagement in the country. Followed by the efforts that Government of India is putting to phase out Single use plastics from the country. He mentioned that how GOI is dedicated towards the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and this is a crucial step for the Swachhata Mission. Additionally he also mentioned that the Ministry is planning to eliminate SUPs in three phases and brief knowledge about the SUP Expert Committee. He also thanked AIPMA for the collaboration and everyone for sparing their precious time for the valuable session.

Mr. Arvind Mehta, Chairman – Governing Council, AIPMA gave an Introductory Remarks in which he gave a brief about how Plastic industry is dedicated to curb plastic pollution in India. He addressed that littering of plastic is a major concern. He mentioned about the draft notification issued by the ministry in addition to that he gave an overview of EPR and Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016. He then welcomed the speakers and representatives from MSME-DI, Karnal.

Sh. Mukesh Verma – Assistant Director, MSME-DI, Karnal discussed the key objectives of the webinar, he highlighted some major environmental concerns of Single use plastics and emphasized on how the world is alarmed about the detrimental impacts of SUPs on the ecosystem. Along with that he discussed about the Plastic waste management scenario in the country. He welcomed the speakers and thanked the participants for joining the session.

Moderator: - Sh. Harpal Singh:- Investigator, Br MSME-DI Bhiwani introduced all the speakers.

Mr. Hiten Bheda – Chairman, Environment Committee, AIPMA gave an illuminating presentation on evolution of Plastic Waste Management Rules. He started with why it is necessary to have Plastic waste management rules, historical background of these rules. Followed by discussing scenarios of waste management and regulations of different countries like USA and Europe. He emphasized on regulations and policies in India starting from 1999 to 2016. He enlightened the participants about PWM Rules 2016 in detail followed by 2018 amendment. His presentation also covered the draft notification of the Ministry issued in 2021 about phasing out of SUPs and emphasizing on the three stages for the ban of SUPs in India.

Additionally he addressed about EPR, successful EPR Models across India and overseas, EPR SOP issued by CPCB for registration of Producers and Brand owners and how EPR can aid in efficient Plastic waste management in India. Apart from that he gave us an insight of various activities that AIPMA has conducted for Environment and Plastic waste management along with the representations that AIPMA has made to the Government. He also gave us a glimpse of circular economy emphasizing that circular economy is the way forward.

Mr. Haren Sanghavi; - Co- Chairman Environment Committee: gave an informative presentation on SUPs. He started with the introduction of Single Use Plastics, what does it actually means and how the word was coined. Moving forward, he educated the participants about Single Use Plastic Regulations in countries like Europe. Along with that he focused on how SUPs gained attention globally. In his presentation he mentioned the adverse impacts of SUPs to the environment and the list of countries that has already banned Single use plastics. He then discussed about the scenario in India, different states of the country that has imposed partial or full ban on the use and manufacturing of SUPs. Moreover, his presentation gave us detail knowledge about the draft SUP Notification issued by the ministry, the three stage ban of SUPs till 2022 and the SUP Expert Committee report that emphasized on the list of items to be banned on immediate basis. He concluded his presentation with what representations AIPMA has given to the Government and what does the future of SUPs look like.

Smt Rachna Tripathi Asstt Director MSME-DI, Karnal, ended the session by giving vote of thanks to the distinguished speakers and panellist. She also thanked the participants for sparing their time for this enlightening session.