

Report on Webinar “Awareness to MSMEs for transition from Single Use Plastic (SUP) “on 31st July 2021

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.

Mr. Chandrakant Turakhia – President, AIPMA. He addressed the growing problem of waste especially single use plastics, he added about the draft notification on Single use plastics. He welcomed the distinguished speakers for the session and wished luck for a knowledgeable and fruitful webinar ahead.

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.

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. Pranay Kumar- Chief Environment officer and Founder, Vasudha eco friends Project Limited. He gave a very informed presentation about plastics and its behaviour especially single use plastics. His presentation covered topics like eco foot print of plastics, perceptions and facts about plastics in the society, biodegradability of plastics, difference between recyclable and compostable plastics, end of life of plastics like plastics in roads, plastics to fuel. Additionally he also mentioned about the Plastic waste management regulations in India. Awareness about single use plastic ban in the country and future of the nation in terms of waste management and single use plastic regimes.

Sh. Mukesh Verma 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.