

*Minutes of the meeting of Executive Committee of Association of Industries,
Gangyal, held on 11TH October, 2010.*

A meeting of the newly constituted Executive Committee of Association of Industries, Gangyal, Jammu, was held on 11th Oct. 2010. At the very outset, the President welcomed the new members to the first meeting of the Executive Committee and stated that before holding of the Extra General Body Meeting, scheduled for 19th Oct., 2010, the meeting of the Executive Committee is mandatory. The president informed the members that some issues which could not be resolved in the previous term of office, despite best efforts of the Association, will be revisited more vigorously and the new problems / issues which may come to the notice of the Association through the members will also get priority attention during the existing tenure of office. Elaborating on this issue, the President stated that power crisis in the industrial sector has been receiving the focused attention of the Association and is being vigorously followed with the concerned Deptt's and officers. He further stated that Industrial Area, Gangyal and Digiana are considered to be worst effected on this account. Efforts are on to have the 32 KV Grid station solely dedicated to the Industrial Area, by removing the domestic load from it and simultaneously include the Industrial Estate, Digiana in the said Grid Station. He further informed the members that Association is pursuing with the PDD to install 10 MG Transformer to the existing Grid station to make it 40 MG worth capacity Transformer for the Industrial Area, Gangyal / Digiana which would itself ease the power crisis to a considerable extent.

Most of the members raised issue of pitiable condition of roads, drains and water leakages in the Industrial Area, Gangyal and complained about the in-effectiveness of the J&K SICOP on this account. The members, concerned at the worst hygienic conditions obtaining in and around the Industrial Area, Gangyal, due to blockage of drains, leakage of water spilling over roads and refuse and garbage lying around, threatening to erupt into an epidemic, suggested to highlight this problem in the media by inviting TV Channels and Print media. After discussions, a general view emerged during the meeting that the present team of Office bearers should convene a Press Conference at the earliest in the Association office mainly to highlight the existing worst conditions of the basic infra-structural facilities in the Area. Some members suggested that before going in for the media coverage, the matter should once again be taken up with SICOP / Commissioner Secretary, I&C and in case of their failure to set things right, resort to media help be taken.

The meeting was informed that the Govt. of India contemplates to introduce GST in mid 2011 and in this context a meeting was held with the Finance Minister, J&K, about the remission of VAT once the GST is introduced. The Minister has held an assurance to consider this plea.

About the timing of the elections for the Association Office, the demand of the members was to hold elections in September and suggested that cut-off date for new membership and the regular subscription should be 31ST July of the election year. However, the members suggested that this issue be discussed, thread-bare, in the EGM scheduled to be held on 19TH October, 2010. Likewise the proposal to hike the existing Subscription Fee from Rs. 1000/- to Rs. 2000/- be also put up to the EGM for decision. The President assured the members that once the proposal to hike the subscription is through, there will be no mis-use of a single penny. The hike is necessary in view of the prevailing inflationary trend and high cost of office equipment / stationary and day to day expenses.

Following suggestions were also made by the members as under :-

1. Mr. Ajit Khajuria of M/s. Classic Fabricators asked about the present status of the issue of Provident Fund rules.
2. Mr. Pankaj Jain of M/s. Aagam Food Inds. suggested that new members be given 15 days time for enrollment as member of the Association from the cut-off date.
3. Mr. Rajesh Jain of M/s. Vardhman Alloys suggested constitution of a Amendment Committee to go through the various provisions of the present constitution and suggest amendments where-ever necessary.
4. Mr. Ajay Gupta of M/s. Sea India suggested to issue the list of Eligible Members seven days after the Notification for the election is issued.
5. Mr. Kamal Jain wanted to know that if the Government charges rent of the shed which stand allotted to industrial unit holders since decades, why rent of the land beneath these sheds is being charged now.
6. Mr. Ganesh koul of M/s. Vishwa Enterprises desired that the provisions of Roshni Scheme be made applicable to the land in Industrial Estates under the occupation of industrial units enabling them to become sole proprietors of the premises.
7. Mr. Kanwal Koul of M/s. U.K. Enterprises wanted the Association to persue with the Govt. of India the extension of NE type package to the State of J&K for industrial purposes.
8. Mr. Ganesh Koul also asked for publication of a list where PCB has deleted some industries from the purview of the Pollution Control Board.
9. Mr. Rajesh Jain advised that the amount likely to be released to SICOP by Director of Industries & Commerce for upgradation of infra-structural facilities in Industrial Area, Gangyal should be subject to the condition that SICOP first circulates the list of works

proposed to be executed. He also suggested that Association should over-see the works that are to be executed by SICOP.

10. Mr. Jagdish langer of M/s. Champion Sports stated that recently Chamber of Commerce held a Press Conference highlighting the discrimination between Kashmir region and Jammu region and suggested that the Association of Industries may also organize a similar Press Conference bringing to the fore the problems of Jammu viz-a-viz the industrial sector and others post - Amarnath land row. Mr. Langer also stated that the decisions taken in all the Executive Members of the Association need to be implemented in letter and spirit. He also castigated the SICOP for not adhering to their concerns about the upkeep of the Industrial Area, Gangyal.

While responding to the points raised by Members, the President categorically stated that despite his best efforts he has not been able to make SICOP to act in regard to providing hygienic conditions. He lamented that SICOP does not take any action in providing clean and hygienic environment. He further stated that he has failed to persuade SICOP authorities in this behalf. He, there-after, explained in detail the replies to the above issues and stated that -

- a) A Press Conference shall be arranged soon.
- b) that SICOP will be advised to spent the funds on the pattern of SIDCO viz. 40% for SICOP Welfare and 60% on upgradation of amenities.
- c) Regarding Provident Fund rules, it was stated that Commissioner/Secretary, Labour Deptt. has refused to implement the Scheme.
- d) The issue of extension of NE type Package to J&K State is under active consideration of the Task Force constituted by Prime Minister. The Association has separately taken up this issue with the PMO and Ministry of MSME.
- e) On other points, the President stated that the suggestions of the Worthy Members has been taken note of and will be taken up with the concerned Deptts.

In the end the President requested the members that in future they should attend such meeting on fixed time as it has been noticed that most of the members choose to join the meeting at the fag end of the deliberations which yields no result due to lack of time.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

(ANIL RAINA)
Secretary