

LV Switchgear Division Meeting

On 21st June 2019 IEEMA LV Switchgear Division meeting was held at IEEMA Mumbai Office. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Rajkumar Panicker, Chairman LV Switchgear division. Mr. Raminder Singh, Vice Chairman, LV Switchgear division also joined the meeting. It was attended by 14 members from 10 member organisations. The important points discussed during the meeting were State of the Industry, Update on the activity of spurious LV Switchgear committee, to organise SWICON 2020 jointly with MV / HV & LV and presentation by UL India regarding business opportunities in North American and European Market. A separate webinar was proposed on 11th July to discuss on the industry size estimation. The next meeting is decided to be convened on 18th September 2019.

***Meeting with Chief Engineer, CEA***

On 25th June 2019, Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA, attended a meeting called by Ms. Vandana Singhal, Chief Engineer, Central Electricity Authority. The meeting was called to discuss suggested amendments by the Ministry of Power in the draft of 'Public Procurement Order' (Preference to Make in India) by the Ministry of Power on distribution segment. IEEMA Divisions too are submitting their comments on the suggested amendments.

Meeting with Tariff Commission

On 26th June 2019, Shri Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA, attended a meeting called by Mr. Mahendra Kumar, Consultant, Tariff Commission regarding the study of inverted duties in the manufacturing of Cable Terminals and Connectors. IEEMA shared the details of manufacturers' of this industry. Tariff Commission is in the process of getting detailed information from the manufacturers' for conducting this study.

Workshop on Awareness of Electrical Safety at Warangal

IEEMA along with CEA and other stakeholders have initiated PAN India awareness programme on Electrical Safety to be held in the district headquarters of about 40 districts. The first programme in this series was held in Warangal, Telangana. The workshop was inaugurated by Mr. A. Gopal Rao - CMD, TSNPDCL in the presence of Mr. D. Narasinga Rao - Director (Operations), TSNPDCL, Mr. S. P.



Abraham - SE, CEA, Mr. B. S. Raju - Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector to the Government of Telangana and few other officials. The workshop witnessed the presence of more than 150 participants and an Electrical Safety Handbook SACHET was distributed to all participants with contents translated in local language, Telugu.

Brain Storming Conference by Ministry of Power, Government of India

On 1st July 2019, the Ministry of Power, Government of India, conducted a Brain Storming Conference for preparing a Vision Document for the Power Sector for the next 5 years. Mr. R K Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (IC) for Power and New & Renewable Energy, Chaired the session. Mr. A K Bhalla, Secretary, other Joint Secretaries in the Ministry of Power; State Energy Secretaries; Representatives of Central and State Power Utilities along with Trade and Industry Associations, including IEEMA, also participated in the same. IEEMA was represented by Mr. R K Chugh, Vice President, Mr. Neeraj Nanda and Mr. Sunil Singhvi, Executive Council Members; Mr. Amit Gupta, Member, Renewal Energy Division; Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General and Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA.

The Brain Storming Session was conducted with the Vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India to improve and reform the Power Infrastructure of the country with the objectives of making the Power Utilities more economically viable and sustainable, in order to ensure 24x7 affordable and quality power supply.

A presentation was made on the base study by the Government, pertaining to Power Generation, Transmission, Distribution, Energy Efficiency and Power Market segments with their challenges and goals. IEEMA provided its inputs on these subjects to the Ministry of Power.