

***Meeting with Shri. R K Singh, Hon'ble Minister of Power (I/C)***

On 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, a meeting was called by Ministry of Power under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble MoPS (I/C) Shri R.K Singh to roll out prepaid Metering /Smart Metering in India.

Mr. A.K Verma , JS ( Distribution) appraised Hon'ble Minister about the various discussion that the Ministry has had in the past with Meter Manufacturers regarding Smart Metering and capacity of domestic meter industry. Hon'ble Minister requested the group to appraise him about the various Metering technologies available.

After detailed deliberation Hon'ble Minister made the following concluding remarks.

- Only Smart Meters will be procured for future requirement
- Requirement of Meters of various Discoms will be aggregated and ICB will be done
- A committee of 4 members will be formed to prepare the document on Metering ecosystem

***Cable Division Meeting***

On 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017, meeting of Cable Division was held in IEEMA, Delhi Office. Major points discussed were clarity on HSN codes of XLPE cable, state of the Industry, implementation of PVC for EHV cables among others. 13 representatives from 10 organizations attended the meeting.

***Training Programme on Transformers - Design, Specification and Maintenance Practices***

Training Programme on Transformers - Design, Specification and Maintenance Practices was held on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at BSES Rajdhani training centre New Delhi, under new activity of IEEMA to deliver technical trainings at Users end, The two day programme was conducted by Mr. Virendra Lakhiani, stalwart of transformer Industry having experience of more than 48 yrs. The programme was well attended by senior BSES officers and was very well appreciated. This activity of IEEMA, to bring technical trainings at utilities end was well acknowledged and BSES desired to get more programmes conducted on different topics

***Factory Visit***

Mr. Vivek Arora and Mr. Uttam Kumar from IEEMA secretariat visited the CG Power and Industrial Solutions, Bhopal Plant on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to understand and learn about the Manufacturing process and Quality of the Motors, Drives and Transformer Plant. Representatives from CG Power explained in details about all the process involved and help resolved all the related queries.

***SME Division meeting***

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017, Meeting of SME Division was held at Yash Highvoltage Insulators Private Limited, Vadodara under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ashutosh Jatia, which was attended by 09 members representing 7 companies. Ms Tarjani Patel, State head represented IEEMA at the meeting. The discussions were broadly on agenda for coming year and planning activities and taking up issues at the MSME divisional level under the newly appointed chairman. The division meeting was proceeded by the planning and OC meeting for upcoming MSME workshop.

***Workshop on “Best Practices Earthing & Grounding for Improved Productivity & Profitability”***

On 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, IEEMA organised a One day Workshop on “Best Practices Earthing & Grounding for Improved Productivity & Profitability” at Nashik Engineering Cluster, Nashik. This awareness workshop was conducted by the empanelled faculty Cdr. Yogesh Chaudhari (Retd), PMP®, Co-Founder and COO of M/s



Adler Technoserve Pvt. Ltd, with an objective to refresh and upgrade participants' knowledge on adopting best earthing and grounding practices. He also explained how failures, due to poor earthing and grounding can affect productivity and profitability of a business.

The workshop was attended by 41 participants from IEEMA Member companies, member companies of Nashik Industries & Manufacturers' Association (NIMA) & Electrical Contractors Association of Maharashtra (ECAM), MSEGCL - Bhusawal, MSEDCL – Nashik & Aurangabad, BEST Undertaking - Mumbai, Electrical Research & Development Association - Baroda. Apart from explaining to the participants various aspects of earthing and grounding such as reference standards, systems and assessment programs, they were engaged in analysis of case studies and video clips on best practices, which made this workshop highly interactive. Participants gave overwhelming feedback.

Participants from MSEGCL & MSEDCL requested for more such workshops designed to their specific needs be conducted at their premises for their other team members. A few IEEMA Membership enquires generated from members companies of NIMA & ECAM.

***Representation to DIPP***

IEEMA submitted a representation to the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017, regarding threat of imports from China and interventions required from the Government.

IEEMA submitted that based on the earlier projections given by the government for capacity enhancement in power generation, transmission and distribution, the domestic electrical equipment manufacturing industry had made huge investments in doubling and, in some cases, even tripling its production capacity. However, this built-up capacity stands under-utilised across several products due to sluggish domestic demand on account of the slowdown in the power sector and a surge in imports of electrical equipment in recent years. This is significantly impacting the commercial viability of the domestic electrical equipment industry and impacting both the top-line and bottom-lines of the manufacturers.

IEEMA recommended some policy interventions by the Government, in terms of, removal of Basic Customs Duty Concessions under Chapter 98, safeguarding the interest of the domestic industry under Free Trade Agreements, encouragement to indigenous manufacturing and mandating the guidelines of Central Electricity Authority and recommendation of National Capital Goods Policy for creating a level playing field for the domestic industry etc.