

### **Meeting with APTRANSCO and APGENCO**

On 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018, a meeting was held with Ch. V.S.Subba Rao, Chief General Manager HRD & Planning, APTRANSCO and his team to discuss on the calendar of training programmes shared by them to be conducted by IEEMA under the mandate of technical training at users end. The detailed discussions were held on the financial and other aspects where the dates for training on transformers and reactors is finalised for 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September at VTPS training institute, Vijaywada.

### **Capacitor Division meeting**

The Capacitor division meeting was held at Bangalore on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Schneider R & D office Bangalore. The meeting was attended by 10 members while 8 members joined through webinar. Members discussed on the abstracts, sessions, sponsorships and key note speakers for the Capacit conference scheduled on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at New Delhi. Members also received information from IEEMA to provide the details of pending payments at Utilities. Chairman requested that the information to be provided by who all are facing the issue.

### **Meeting with Mr. Anil Nayak, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Mines**

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018, Conductor and Cable manufacturing members of IEEMA, led by Mr. Vikas Khosla, Chairman, IEEMA Public Policy Cell, attended a meeting held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Anil Nayak, Joint Secretary (Aluminium), Ministry of Mines. The meeting was called to review the imports of aluminium into India.

The Joint Secretary mentioned the categories of aluminium, which have seen a surge in imports from China and ASEAN, in the first quarter of 2018-19, vis-a-vis the same period last year. Ministry of Mines sought comments on the same and suggestions on government interventions to curb imports of these products. The ministry also informed about a proposed study on primary and secondary aluminium, where the downstream user industry can also send their inputs.

Mr. Khosla raised the issue of concessional import duty of 5% on finished products, such as Conductors and Cables made out of aluminium, under projects imports (Chapter 98), creating an inverted duty structure for the domestic manufacturing industry. He also mentioned about the underutilization of domestic capacities of electrical equipment industry and surge in imports of electrical equipment.

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