

April 19 Vol 3***Meeting with MSME Ministry***

On 4th April 2019 a meeting was convened at Nirman Bhawan, MSME Ministry, New Delhi on the issues related to MSME Distribution Transformer Manufacturers. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Sudhir Garg, Joint Secretary (MSME). IEEMA was represented by Mr. Harish Agarwal, President, IEEMA, Mr. R.K. Chugh, Vice President, IEEMA, Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General, IEEMA and Mr. Ajay Sanghi, Vice Chairman DT Division. IEEMA Members from Nucon, Hitachi, Vijaya Mercantile also participated in the meeting. Mr. Ajay Sanghi, Vice Chairman DT Division gave a presentation in the meeting regarding detailed measures for lessening compliance burden on small scale industry. Mr. Sudhir Garg appreciated the need for avoiding dual certification and assured action as well as follow up on various measures including reduction in type testing.

Meeting of Public Policy Cell

On 10th April 2019, a meeting of the Public Policy Cell was held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Raj H Eswaran. IEEMA Office Bearers, Divisional Chairs and other members participated in the meeting. The discussion points of the meeting were discrepancies in Public Procurement (preference to Make in India)



Order of Ministry of Power, procurement policy of Chinese Utilities for barring entry of Indian electrical industry etc. A presentation was made by TPM Consultants on Imports / Exports and the way forward, during the meeting.

Meeting with Secretary, Department of Heavy Industry

On 10th April 2019, a delegation of IEEMA, comprising of Mr. R K Chugh, Vice President, Mr. Raj H Eswaran, Chairman, Public Policy Cell, Mr. Rohit Pathak, Member; Mr. A S Subramaniyan, Member, Public Policy Cell, Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General and Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA called on Dr. A R Sihag, Secretary, DHI. The main points for discussion were bottlenecks in participation of Indian electrical industry in Chinese Tenders and absence of any reciprocal policy in India on the same. The other points for discussion were replacement of Bank Guarantee with Insurance Guarantee, circumvention of Public Procurement (preference to Make in India) Order, Under-Utilisation of BTG capacities of domestic manufacturers, Cyber Security Threat to intelligent equipment installed in Smart Grid System etc.

Secretary, DHI, informed that so long electricity is in demand, thermal plants would be in mainstay, which is also evident from BHEL Ltd. getting good number of BTG orders in the last financial year.

Meeting with Ambassador and Additional Secretary, Economic Diplomacy and States, MEA

On 10th April 2019, a delegation of IEEMA, led by Mr. R K Chugh, Vice President, met Mr. Manoj Kumar Bharti, Additional Secretary, Economic Diplomacy and States, Ministry of External Affairs. The main point for discussions was difficulties in participation of Indian electrical industry in tenders floated by Chinese power utilities and no reciprocal policy in India to check low priced imports of electrical equipment from China, without considering their life cycle cost.

While taking note of the same, Mr. Bharti advised IEEMA to bring the matter to the notice of the Secretary, Department of Expenditure and recommend steps for bringing reciprocity in the procurement rules of the Government, which is WTO compliant, along with the role of other line ministries in this.

Meeting with Secretary, Power

On 10th April 2019, a delegation of IEEMA, led by Mr. R K Chugh, Vice President, called on Mr. A K Bhalla, Secretary, Ministry of Power, Government of India. The discussion point were bottlenecks in participation of Indian electrical industry in Chinese Tenders, suggested reciprocal policy for mandatory testing of equipment in Indian laboratories, under-utilisation of T&D capacities of domestic manufacturers etc.

Mr. Bhalla took a note of these issues and informed that the Government is working and there would be a demand for smart meters and underground cables in the urban areas.

Meeting on Omnibus Technical Regulation on Safety of Machinery

On 12th April 2019, Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA attended a meeting called by the Department of Heavy Industry, Government of India, on Omnibus Technical Regulation on Safety of Machinery. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Sukriti Likhi, Joint Secretary, DHI and attended by representatives of major Industry and Trade Associations and the Bureau of Indian Standards. The joint secretary asked the participating organisations to study the draft Technical Regulation, sensitize the industries and send suggested changes / inputs, by 10th May 2019.