

**Meeting with Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce**

On 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Mr. Adarsh Jain, Chairman, Economic & Taxation Committee; Mr. Navendu Bhardwaj, Member and Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director, IEEMA, participated in a Stakeholders Consultation on Copper, Aluminium & Zinc under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement. The session was chaired by Mr. Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, in presence of Mr. Dammu Ravi, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce. IEEMA shared its inputs on application and demand of these raw materials in the electrical equipment manufacturing industry. Later, a representation was also submitted to the Government in this regard.

**Meeting of Power Transformer Division**

On 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019, IEEMA Power Transformer Division meeting was held at the Mumbai Office. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Shouvik Bhattacharya, Chairman Power Transformer Division. The meeting was attended by 18 members from 15 member organisations. The important points discussed during the meeting were on high test charges issued w.r.t CPRI and NHPTL. It was decided that the Chairman Division along with a few members shall meet CPRI officials this month. Mr. Ashutosh Jatia, Chairman SME Division also participated and briefed members about the new initiative of SME Clinique.



Other issues discussed were about finalisation of industry size of Power Transformers, to discuss with the non-reporting members for sharing their production data, to regularise Power Transformer Quarterly Digest, finalisation of calendar of Division meetings, discussion on the lack of consistency in rules by Utilities regarding Short Circuit testing and appointment of Vice Chairman of Power Transformer Division. The next meeting is scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at NHPTL, Bina.

**Visit of German delegation**

On 11 July, Thursday, visiting German delegation comprising representatives from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi), DIN and DKE visited IEEMA Office New Delhi, met Mr. Sunil Misra, Director General, along with IEEMA Secretariat. The delegation was interested to understand how IEEMA supports industry in complying with national and international standards and its interaction with Government, standardization bodies and testing institutions. Possible cooperation areas with DKE, The German Commission for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies of DIN and VDE were discussed.

The delegation visit is under the framework of the Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure between the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy and the Indian Ministry for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. The Working Group has the goal to reduce technical barriers to trade and strengthen product safety through the political dialogue of relevant ministries and regulators. As a part of the Global Project Quality Infrastructure of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs, GIZ – the German Agency for International Cooperation, will supports the implementation of the Working Group in India.

**Meeting of Capacitor Division**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, meeting of Capacitor Division was held at Hyderabad hosted by Mr. Vishal Tibrewala, Tibrewala Electronics Ltd. under the chairmanship of Mr. Deepak Patni. The meeting was attended by 14 member organizations. Mrs. Anita Gupta, Director; Mr. Rishabh Raj Joshi, Executive Officer; Ms. Anuja Korgaonkar, Sr. Executive; Mr. Jesse Inaparthi, State Head (Andhra Pradesh & Telangana) and IEEMA State Heads represented IEEMA in this meeting. The discussions were broadly on state of industry, data statistics, industry size estimation, quality control order, change in name of Capacitor Division to Capacitor and Power Quality Division and to expand the scope of division by adding new members and succession planning for next Chairman and Vice Chairman. In the meeting Mr. Rajat Kapoor, Larsen & Toubro Limited was elected as the new Chairman and Mr. Baldev Raj Narang, Clariant Power System Limited as the new Vice Chairman of the division.

### **Post-Budget Interaction with Ministry of Finance**

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Mr. Adarsh Jain, Chairman - Economic & Taxation Committee and Mr. Sudeep Sarkar, Director-IEEMA, attended the Post-Budget interaction with Mr. Subhash Chandra Garg, Secretary - Finance & Economic Affairs and Mr. Atanu Chakraborty, Secretary - Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, Ministry of Finance. Macro-economics of the country and the thought process behind the budget were discussed during the interaction.

### **IEEMA participation in Workshop on Indo German Standardisation Forum**

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Mr. Uttam Kumar, Sr. Executive Officer, Product Division attended a workshop on Indo German Standardisation Forum at Hotel Lalit, New Delhi. The inaugural session was attended by Mr. Anil Bahuguna, Joint Secretary- Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; Mrs. Gerhild Roth, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy; Dr. R. K. Bajaj, DDG, Standardisation-Bureau of Indian Standards and Mr. Khushwant Singh, Project Leader - Global Project Quality Infrastructure.



Mr. Bahuguna, Joint Secretary emphasized that the workshop is being organised under the framework of the Indo – German Working group on quality infrastructure between the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Indian Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The working group has the goal to reduce technical barriers to trade, enhancing product safety and strengthening consumer protection. Mrs. Roth during her address informed that priority topics can be identified mutually to work upon for standard developments. The workshop was attended by almost 40 participants.

### **Special Session on Post Fani Restoration and Rehabilitation of Electricity Infrastructure and B2B meetings**



IEEMA organised the Buyer Seller Meet between the State Utilities and Sellers across the country, followed by a special session on “Post Fani Restoration and Rehabilitation of Electricity Infrastructure” on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

This was the first Buyer Seller meet at Bhubaneswar by IEEMA, which was participated by the officials from OPTCL, CESU, WESCO, NESCO, SOUTHCO, OHPC, WAPCOS, CEO-Smart City etc. as “Buyers”, along with the manufacturers from all across the country as “Sellers”.

Meetings were held between 30 buyers and 40 sellers. There were approximately 250 meetings held with enticing opportunities for the buyer and seller organisation.

The BSM was followed by a special session attended by more than 100 participants including the State Utilities and the overall feedback was very satisfactory. IEEMA plans to organise such events in various states, in near future.

### **Policy Advocacy**

Post the Stakeholders Consultation on Copper, Aluminum and Zinc, under the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) agreement by the Department of Commerce, IEEMA submitted a representation, on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019, recommending exclusion of some tariff lines related to Aluminum Conductors from the RCEP negotiations.

IEEMA also presented some justifications for this viewpoint, owing to large size of this industry, share of imports from China, low utilization of capacities and SME participation.