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Pursuant to the Agenda Notice dt 13/09/2023 the 17th Executive Body Meeting of The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association was held on Saturday , 18th September 2023 at 6.00 PM at The Jaypee Siddharth , Rajendra Place , New Delhi .

The Following members were present .

1 : Mr Pradeep Chawla (in the chair)

2: Mr. Puneet Bhasin

11: Mr. Rajesh Sawhney

3: Mr. Harpreet Singh

12: Mr. Rakesh Arora

4 Mr. Anurag Seth

13: Mr. Vishal Anand

5: Mr. Satish Mahajan

14: Mr. Jasmeet Singh

6: Mr. Rakesh Sawhney

15 : Mr. Prashant Narula

7: Mr. Ramesh Bhasin

8: Mr. Rajesh Narula

9: Mr. Ramesh Bhatia

10: Mr. Ashu Sareen

AGENDA ITEM 1 :Welcome Address by the President

President Mr. Pradeep Chawla ji welcomed all the members to the 17th Executive Body Meeting of the Association and requested the Secretary to start the meeting as per agenda .

AGENDA ITEM 2 :Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Executive Body Meeting

The Minutes of the 16th Executive Body meeting held on 06 September 2023 were circulated vide circular No SMTA/SEP.2023/EBM/Min-16 dt 08-09-2023 the same were read by the secretary and there being no objection raised and none on the records , the minutes were confirmed and adopted .

AGENDA ITEM 3 : Any Other matter with the permission of the Chair

SUB AGENDA ITEM 1 :GST INVOICE DATA : It was brought to the notice of the house that the GST invoice data that the registered dealers are uploading via E invoice is being openly sold by several

private entities seriously threatening privacy and business secrecy of traders / mfrs . The house condemned this practice and it was decided to send representations to the GST department voicing our concerns for the same with an urgent request to plug this breach of data which is a direct consequence of **E INVOICE** being made applicable at very low aggregate turnover of **5 Crore since 01-08-2023** .

It was also pointed out that inspite of ban on publishing of Export / Import data since Nov 2016 it is being openly sold by some private companies and that our association has also sent representations to the Finance ministry about it .

SUB AGENDA ITEM 2 : NPPA meeting : It was informed to the House that a meeting was held with Mr.T.Rajesh , Dy Director , Nppa and it was confirmed by him that the notifications for Trade margin Rationalisation of Oxygen concentrator / Blood Pressure Monitoring Devices / Digital thermometer / Glucometer / Nebulizer / Pulse Oximeter have not been extended and the same have lapsed since 01-07-2023 . However he said that since all medical devices are declared as DRUGs since 01-04-2020 they come under the purview of DPCO 2013 and hence the existing MRP's cannot be increased beyond 10 % in one year . He further informed that all importers / manufacturers / marketers need to register and upload their price listsof all classes of medical devices on www.nppaipdms.gov.in website . He further offered to conduct a webinar to help the trade to learn how to register and upload the same .

It was pointed out in the EBM that earlier the **Price Control Regulation in Drug Act probably had** a turnover based exemptions, so it needs to be clarified further with the **Drugs** department . It was also suggested by Mr Prashant Narula that we should approach a forum called YBL to highlight the problems being faced by the micro / small enterprises due to regulatory overreach caused on account of medical devices being declared as drugs .

There being no other matter , the meeting came to an end with thanks to the chair.

For The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association,



Harpreet Singh

Secretary