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MINUTES

Pursuant to the Agenda Notice dt. 12/01/2024 the 4th Executive Body Meeting of The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association was held on Friday, the 19th of December 2024 at 7.00 PM at MGM Club, Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi.

The Following members were present.

1 : Mr Rajesh Sawhney (in the chair)

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| 2. Mr. Puneet Bhasin | 11. Mr. R.C.Gupta |
| 3. Mr.Harpreet Singh | 12 . Mr. Rakesh Arora |
| 4. Mr. Vishal Anand | |
| 5. Mr. Jasmeet Singh | |
| 6. Mr. Rakesh Sawhney | |
| 7. Mr. Ramesh Bhasin | |
| 8. Mr. Amit Sareen | |
| 9. Mr. Summit Narula | |
| 10. Mr. Arun Sharma | |

The following Special invitees were also present :

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| 1. Mr. Ishaan Sawhney | 2. Mr. Ishaan Sharma |
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Regrets : Mr. Pradeep Chawla, Mr. Anurag Seth, Mr. Kapil Sareen, Mr. Ashu Sareen, Mr. Karan Bir Suri, Mr. Satish Mahajan and Mr. Rajesh Narula

AGENDA ITEM 1 : Welcome Address by the President

The President Mr. Rajesh Sawhney while welcoming the members and guests present reminded the house about the loss to the SMTA family due to the sad demise of Sh. Prashant Narula - Director of m/s Narula Udyog India (P) Ltd., S. Harcharan Singh Bhatia, f/o S. Kamaljeet Singh and S. Dharam Pal Singh of M/s Surgical Enterprises and m/s Jas Enterprises respectively and Smt. Savita Jain m/o Mr. Kapil jain of m/s Mahavir Surgicals, Bhagirath Palace, Delhi and requested all to recite Gayatri Mantra in their remembrance.

The members present chanted the Gayatri Mantra and prayed for the departed souls.

The House fondly remembered Sh. Prashant Narula who was a member of the current executive body as well. Also, the President echoed the sentiment of his untimely and tragic demise as a great loss to the entire medical device industry.

He then requested the newly inducted executive member Shri Sumit Narula and the guests to please introduce themselves to the house. After the introduction, he requested the Secretary to please conduct the meeting as per agenda.

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

The Minutes of the 03rd Executive Body meeting held on 02nd December , 23 were circulated vide circular No SMTA/DEC 2023/EBM/Min-03 dt. 04-12-2023. 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 : To discuss the filing of SLP before the Honourable Supreme Court of India

It was informed to the House that our SLP was filed in December 2023. However, to rectify some defects it was filed again after curing the defects in Jan 2024. Now It has been verified and numbered and is awaiting listing soon before the court. The lawyers are contemplating mentioning to the registrar for its urgent listing.

AGENDA ITEM 4 : To brief the house about the Medical device Committee meeting at PHD Chamber held on 16/01/2024

It was informed to the house that the said meeting was attended by Mr. Rakesh Sawhney, Mr. Puneet Bhasin and Mr. Harpreet Singh. There were discussions on the representations sent by the PHD Chamber regarding PLI scheme for medical devices. The threshold level of availing this scheme was 60 Cr. export turnover and the representation requested to bring it down to approx. Half. However, the same still was too high and as it excluded the micro enterprises completely and the small enterprises mostly, it was objected vehemently and it was requested to bring a scheme where the micro and small enterprises could also participate and benefit .

Further the PHD chamber had opposed the import of refurbished / pre-owned medical equipment due to fears of sub standard quality goods coming in and lack of availability of spares / service. It was pointed out that most of the pre-owned equipment was of the high tech & high end machines and most of the firms importing those were providing service and warranty to end users. More so, due to financial constraints many hospitals / clinics could not afford to buy brand new units and are relying on these refurbished units so the same should be allowed.

It was also discussed with the PHD chamber to send representations for the need to have a separate act for medical devices and to rationalise the import licence fees as per SMTA representation submitted to them.

It is imperative to point out that most of the large associations like PHD CHAMBER, ASSOCHAM, FICCI are primarily having Large to medium companies as their members / patrons and are not keen to voice the concerns of the micro / small enterprises so a meeting was sought with the PHD chamber to put this point across and to request them to provide a separate chapter to highlight the issues faced by the micro/small enterprises .

AGENDA ITEM 5 :To discuss the difficulties being faced by exporters from GST department at the time of refund

It was informed to the house that most of the exporters are facing undue harassment / raids / audits when they apply for refund of the GST input tax as many refunds are stuck up due to clerical errors / incomplete information. Mr. Summit Narula explained the matter very elaborately to the entire house and it was decided to send a representation to the GST department and Finance ministry to resolve the glitches in the system and to issue refunds without any harassment as our economy needs high exports for growth and prosperity. The exporters being foreign exchange earners need support and respect instead of constant threat of raids and harrasment if they ask for their legitimate refund of GST input paid at the time of local purchases.

AGENDA ITEM 6 : To discuss whether a holiday should be declared on 22/01/2024

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the individual members to observe holiday or not as per their local market trends on 22/01/2024.

AGENDA ITEM 7: To discuss the nomination of Executive Body Member

It was discussed to nominate one executive body member to fill the void created due to the sudden demise of Sh. Prashant Narula as the count of current executive body has become short by one member. The President and Vice President suggested a few names and it was requested to seek their confirmation and then finalize the same.

AGENDA ITEM 8 : Any other matter with permission of the chair

Sub Agenda ITEM 1: New Member It was informed to the house that one new membership application has been received and same was found to be in order and accepted as member as under.

1: M/s KOS DRUG PVT LTD., 3445, Delhi Chamber Building, Delhi Gate, Delhi -110002.

Sub Agenda ITEM 2: APEX CHAMBER It was informed to the house that annual membership charges of Rs. 3,500.00 are due for this year and a legal charge contribution amount of Rs. 10,000.00 is due and to be paid to the chamber as being shared by all member associations for the legal fight being done by the APEX chamber for many issues faced by trade & industry of Delhi. It was agreed unanimously to send the amount at the earliest.

Sub Agenda ITEM 3: Industrial Economic Development Policy of Delhi 2023-33 it was informed to the house that a white paper has been prepared by the govt and uploaded on the website www.sws.delhi.gov.in/home . All members are requested to peruse this policy and upload their inputs and suggestions on the website www.industries.delhigovt.nic.in at the earliest as last date is 31-01-2024.

The house lauded the efforts of Sh. Ramesh Bhasin ji in initiating the idea of a Medical Device Hub in Delhi itself and requested regular meetings of the core team to follow up the matter vigorously.

There being no other matter, the meeting came to an end with thanks to the chair and special thanks to Mr. Rakesh Arora, Mr. Harpreet Singh and Mr. Amit Sareen for hosting the meeting.

For The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association,



(Harpreet Singh)
Secretary