

57th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SECRETARY REPORT

My Dear Members, Friends & Guests,

A very good afternoon to you all. I welcome you all on the 57th Annual General Meeting of our Association. I extend my hearty thanks to all our members, Past Presidents, Executive & Sub Committee Members, for their full cooperation and support in discharging my responsibilities throughout the year.

At this juncture, I would like to share the activities which are relentlessly pursued by our association for the growth of MSME sector in the State. Needless to mention that our state being rich in minerals, has over the time attracted investment in the fields of Mineral based industries, Engineering industries, Coal and steelbased industries, exploration of Mines & minerals and many similar industrial projects both in MSME & Mega corporate House.

It gives me immense pleasure to announce that our Association has been accredited by the Quality Council of India under the State BMO Category. Presently, Our Association is the only State level BMO in eastern India having achieved such recognition. Our Association acknowledges the contribution of Shri Arun Kumar Khemka & Shri Yogendra Ojha.

The team of dedicated members of JSIA, led by dynamic President Sri S.K. Agrawal has been engaged in working in a systematic way & focus on taking up issues as & when arise. Our association played a vital role in culmination of various policy related to industrial development, MSME in particular, with member's valuable suggestions & feedbacks. We are pursuing implementation of its many clauses in its true spirit for the benefit of industries.

Our association had meetings with Chief Secretary and Secretary Industries and Director Industries. Issues of non-availability of land for MSME, poor disposal and difficulties in getting release of various subsidies, ineffective single window, unsatisfactory working of JIADA, poor infrastructure of industrial areas have been repeatedly highlighted. The issues of shortage of land in Industrial areas as well as development of new private industrial areas are being pursued regularly with the Industries Department. Revisit of IPC 304A has also been raised. We have been given repeated assurances by the Secretary Industries but effective outcome is awaited.

The matter of State Procurement Policy is another important issue that affects the SMEs directly. Our demand to implement the same in true spirit has been accepted. Relief has been obtained in relation to turnover clause, Tender cost and earnest money. We have been successful in stalling few tenders wherein impractical clause was incorporated in the tender notice. The issue of inclusion of purchase by contractors under turnkey projects under procurement policy is being pursued regularly.

Our Association is member of Jharkhand Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council. a quasi-judicial body to assist Micro and Small Enterprise in resolving their problem related to delayed payment at a minimal cost and simple process. Our association has been guiding and assisting our members in the matter. With the effort of our association, the disputed cases heard in the Indian Facilitation Council are normally disposed off within time, and awards are mostly granted in favour of MSE units.

Our Association has been interacting with Chairman JSPCB and has been highlighting the problem faced by our members mostly related to issue of Pollution Consent order & NOC. We have been regularly in contact with the member Secretary to expedite grant of consents. The consents are granted against pending applications but inordinate delay in issue of consent orders have been repeatedly brought to the notice of MS, as well as Chairman, JSPCB, and albeit they have initiated provisions of filing renewal application on line and time bound grant of consents, but it is not being followed in true spirit. Due to our constant follow up JSPCB has introduced facility of auto renewal of CTO for MSME. Members are advised to take its benefit.

Many MSME are operating without mandatory CTE/ CTO. Our Association had been repeatedly pressing the JSPCB to handhold and regularise such MSME to avoid future litigations and penal action. I am pleased to inform that Chairman JSPCB has agreed and has asked us to provide details of such units so that JSPCB can put up the matter in its Board meeting and obtain approval for such units. I take this opportunity to request members who do not have updated CTE/ CTO to provide their details to our association office so that necessary formalities to regularise such units can be initiated.

After the amendment of MMDR Act -2015, it was expected that, 35 Minor minerals would be easily available to the mineral based industries, but due to lackadaisical attitude of the Govt. in framing Minor Mineral Policy till date, the crisis of the same have intensified. Now with the recent notification in 2017, the auction of mines of minor mineral, above 5 hectares, have been initiated, and that of sand & stone, which are construction materials. The department is yet to process auction of any minor minerals used by mineral based industries. Besides, the grant of Environmental clearances to Mines of Bauxite, Graphite and other major minerals used in manufacturing of Refractory & allied products, is lingering. The Mines & Geology department of the state Should come out with action plan to make these minerals available to industries, otherwise there would be negative growth of mineral based industries in the state.

The issue of Electricity Supply continues to remain a cause of concern. JBVNL has been repeatedly trying to increase the Electricity tariff in its petition filed with JSERC. Our Association has been opposing such proposal of increase in tariff and has been able to successfully restrict the increase in tariff. Being member of state advisory committee at JSERC, we have been able to get Regulations notified protecting the interest of consumers.

With the effort and strong opposition of our Association, the motive of state Govt. to get into Power Purchase Agreement for solar power at Rs. 4.90 per Kwh against the national ruling tariff around Rs. 2.50 per Kwh was turned down by JSERC even though the state had obtained the approval of its cabinet. The effort of our Association has saved the state and the consumer from the burden of high purchase which ultimately would otherwise be loaded on the consumers estimated at Rs. 7000 Cr over a period of 20 Years.

We have been in constant touch with high officers of JBVNL, for improvement & supply of uninterrupted quality power to Industries. The need for dedicated Industrial Feeders has also been highlighted at numerous occasions We are hopeful that power scenario will change in near future, with commissioning of a new distribution networks, Sub-stations, Grids. Our association has been regularly pressing for handing over the distribution to Private players. Although assurances have been repeatedly given, effective result could not be felt.

The meetings with JBVNL field officials and regular follow up have helped our members in getting their billing related disputes settled out of court. Also, our association has been instrumental in getting claims of our members settled with JBVNL which otherwise was difficult

for individual members and many of our members were unaware of such wrong billings beyond the provision of tariff.

I am pleased to inform the house that with constant efforts and persuasion, we have succeeded in getting a favourable order from Hon'ble Electricity Ombudsman in relation to claim under Clause 13 of HT Agreement in relation to remission of non-supply hours. I would request our members having HT connection to file their claims with respective GM and provide its copy to our association for follow up. Our association is willing to hand hold and provide all support in preparation and submission of the claim under clause 13. The efforts and contribution of Our Energy sub-committee deserves applause and acknowledgement.

The availability of Gr A & Gr B, steam coal to MSME units has improved a little in the recent past. In our Endeavour to mitigate the pertinent crisis of coal, we organize regular meetings with Secretary Mines, MD, JSMD, & GM, CCL for maintaining smooth supply of good quality of coal to our member units, and we have been assured by them that MSME units will not suffer for want of coal.

Our association is member of GST Advisory Committee. Regular meetings are attended and problems/ suggestions are being given in the advisory committee.

Our association is in regular interaction with the Office to Director, MSME. Members are being updated regularly with various schemes of MSME. Suggestions and inputs are regularly shared with the office of Director, MSME for the betterment of MSME.

Our association has been regularly participating in the meeting with RBI on Empowered Committee of MSME. Various matters related to MSME financing are being regularly taken up. Reluctance of banks to finance under CGTMSE scheme, delay in sanction of loans by Banks were raised in the meeting.

Our Association has been regularly organising workshops, training programmes and seminars for the benefit of our members. Members are enthusiastically participating in such events and getting benefitted. We have been getting support from GIZ, New Delhi in providing experts in various field of expertise for such events.

Our association had arranged energy audit at the premise of our members with the support of UNDP. It has helped our members identify the areas where energy is being over utilised and thus help in improving energy efficiency in their operations. UNDP has also been assisting in providing financial support for such improvements to our members including installation of solar power plants.

With a similar approach, our association building has been converted into Green building. The electricity consumed by us at our association office premise is generated within our premise by solar power plant. Our Association is thankful to Shri Mahesh Poddar, Our Past President and presently Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha who took the initiative and provided us the financial support by sponsoring the solar power plant at JSIA building.

A team of JSIA members visited the ONGC CBM Asset at Bokaro. We were very warmly received and welcomed by ONGC head of Bokaro. The head of the ONGC, CBM himself gave us a presentation regarding Coal Bed Methane extraction.

CBM or Coal Bed Methane is basically Natural Gas present in large quantities over Coal Beds. Over the last decade, ONGC has developed the technology for extracting this natural gas from deep inside the coal beds, and is now ready to supply the gas on a commercial basis.

ONGC is also looking for distributors who can purchase the raw gas extracted by ONGC, further process it, package the gas in cylinders (Cascades) and supply it in the open market. ONGC will make a price-quantity contract for 5 years with the distributor – and the distributor will have the independence to fix his own selling price.

The presentation was followed by a site visit to their Coal Bed Methane Gas Field in Jharia. Members had the opportunity to see an actual natural gas drilling site, where gas was being extracted from a depth of around 1 Km. Lunch was also arranged by ONGC at the site.

Our web site, www.jsia.co.in is regularly being updated with current information's circulars and Govt. notifications.

Apart from the industrial activities, JSIA has been organising Deepawli Meet & Holi Milan as family get together, where members participate with full enthusiasm. For last five years we have been organising pleasure trip to different destination of the country. Last year our trip went to North East states, viz Manipur & Nagaland and visited their heritage sight.

We have strong representations on many Advisory committees viz. JBVNL. Commercial Taxes/ State GST, JSERC, Central Excise Regional Advisory Committee/ Central GST, SIDBI, Eastern Regional Advisory Committee, besides having representation in Divisional Railway Consultative Committee, Jharkhand State Level Banking Committee, JSPECB-NOC, Expert Committee, JSMD-Coal allotment committee. MSME-DI, RBI, Director of Industries (IFC), PLCC-JIADA, FIEO and many others. The members are assigned with responsibilities to attend meetings of the committee regularly, where outcome has been mostly positive.

At the beginning of the session our membership was **418**, out of which 167 are general members & 251 are Life members.

During the current session, 01 (Ordinary) & 17 (Life) new members have joined our Association. 01 members were converted from Ordinary to Life Members. Hence as on date our membership strength is **436** (167 General & 269 Life).

Our Association is actively pursuing information from Govt. departments/Institutions for last few years under RTI Act. JSIA is committed to relentlessly pursue information under the Act, for the benefits of members.

Last but not the least I would once again like to extend my heartiest thanks & deepest gratitude to our President, Past Presidents, Office Bearers and members of our Association and FJCCI, for their valuable guidance & continuous support, which helped me in discharging my responsibilities to the best of my abilities.

I am also thankful to representatives of the Electronic & Print Media, Photographers, Television Channels for putting their best efforts to highlight our activities time to time.

I am also thankful to our office staff for their full cooperation throughout the year.

Anjay Pachariwala
Hony. Secretary