

## **SECRETARY REPORT FROM 27.07.15 TO 20.08.15**

### **Industries Department:**

**31.7.15:** President & Hony Secretary along with Mr. Arun Kr. Khemka, PP representing FJCCI, attended a meeting on final review of Draft of Single Window Bill & Export Policy, in the chamber of Development Commissioner Mr. R.S. Poddar. Secretaries from concerned departments viz. Industries, Labour, Finance, Energy, Environment, Pollution, Mining, Commercial Tax, Housing & Urban etc were present to give their consent and suggestions on the final draft policies.

After long deliberation few amendments were suggested to be made to adopt provisions of deemed Approval in line with Punjab Single Window Act, and will be applicable to only State Acts excluding Central Act. Besides only MOU of Mega projects will go to Apex Committee, and all fiscal incentives to the industries should be cleared by the concerned department.

Discussion were also held on point 28 of the draft policy i.e Offences by Companies, and it was suggested to adopt the provisions as per Punjab Single Window Bill, by imposing heavy fine as punishment in cases of offences, as violations under many Act are not governed by IPC.

While discussing on final draft on Export Policy, some changes were suggested by Mr. Neelam Gupta, Jt Commissioner, Commercial taxes on exemption from Electricity Duty in wake of implementation of GST in near future.

However Development Commissioner, suggested to call one more meeting on above policies after incorporation of above points to finalize the same.

**05.08.15:** President & Hony. Secretary attended yet another review meeting on Final draft of Single Window Bill-2015 in the Chamber of Development commissioner amid secretaries of various departments.

After deliberation on points raised in last meeting, the provisions of Deemed approval & Over riding affect, has been accepted in accordance with Punjab Single window Act with slight changes. As regards the penalty clause, the amount of penalty is increased, in case of violation. Besides the clause of "Offences by Company" has been completely removed from the final draft.

**10.08.15:** President along with Mr Nemi Chand Agrawal, went to meet the Director Industries, at Nepal house, at 4.30 p.m. on matter of Speedo Print. As DI had already left for some important meeting at Project Bhawan, the letter was handed over to his P.A.

### **Coal Related Issues.:**

**04.08.15:** A delegation comprising, Hony Secretary, Mr. Deepak Maroo, Mr. C.R.Katari & Mr. Nishant Prakash, led by the President met Mr. Gopal Singh, CMD, CCL at his chamber at 5.30 P.M. and submitted him the list of issues faced by coal consuming units .

The CMD discussed the points on agenda one by one and expressed his concern over some points and assured to resolve the matter locally. However, on our request to demand status report of units from DIC/IADA, every six months, in view of direction from Mr. Piyush Goel, MoS (I/C), Ministry of Coal during his visit to Ranchi in May'15, he categorically said that CCL is bound to adhere to the policy framed by CIL. He requested us to write a separate letter, which he would forward to CIL & Ministry of coal for consideration. The CMD also directed his Finance Manager to call GM & other Officers from sales department to look into our all problems.

The delegation, immediately met Mr. D.K.Ghosh, Sr. Finance Manager and detailed discussion were held on every agenda points, like delay in issue of coal delivery orders, allotments of High grade coal to Refractory & Ceramics units from selected collieries only: non receipts of Invoices from colliery, delay in issues of JAVAT-404: detentions of trucks for 3 / 4 days at collieries & return B.G. lien with CCL, since 2007-08, of 7 units drawing coal from CCL. Minutes of the meeting were prepared and FM assured to resolve the problems at the earliest.

The meeting with CMD & other officers was held in a very cordial manner.

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**Electric Tariff related matter:**

**31.08.15:** In view of recent hike in electricity tariff petition proposed by JUVNL & published by the Regulatory Commission, a meeting was held at JSIA, conference hall amid many Past presidents & E.C. members & special invitees.

Mr Ajay Bhandari, Mr. Binod Tulsian & Mr Anjay Pacheriwala, apprised the house in details on recent electricity tariff petition proposed by JUVNL, Ranchi and said that we have to file our Objections/suggestions before 14<sup>th</sup> August'15. An hour long deliberation was held on provisions of the tariff petition & its impact on MSMEs, if implemented as proposed in the state.

It was decided to file our objections, but simultaneously we should create mass awareness through all possible means and invite all stakeholders at JSIA to decide further strategy.

**07.08.15:** In order to make other stake holders aware of the proposed hike in electric tariff & to create public awareness an informal meeting was called in JSIA Hall. Citizens of Ranchi representing Big Mall & Shops, Hospital, Rice Millers, Hotels & GM of The Waxpol Industries Ltd, were present in the meeting, besides EC members, Past Presidents were also present.

After welcome by the President, Mr Ajay Bhandari informed the house on severe impact of proposed tariff on every consumer and expressed serious concern over ever growing losses of JUVNL, the burden of which would have to be borne by consumers in near future. He presented the comparative figures of tariff of other states, which are cheaper than Board's proposed tariff. He advocated to emphasize upon the GoJ for independent power distributor like JUSCO, Jamshedpur, to ensure quality power. Mr Binod Tulsian also expressed his concern on Board's inefficiency, to control increasing loss.

Mr K.K.Poddar, PP suggested that private distributor of power would not solve the problem, rather we should urge Govt to strengthen the Board financially. He further said that proposed tariff may be viable, provided Board assure of quality & un interrupted power 24x7. And in the event of power cuts the Board would compensate for the loss. He also suggested to forward our proposal to the Govt. for increase in the command areas of JUSCO & DVC.

Mr V.Choudhary also supplemented the idea of inviting JUSCO to Ranchi.

Mr R.K.Sarangi suggested to approach the Central power ministry and apprised them of the facts.

Mr Arun Chhawchharia & Mr Bikash Singh both PP, were of the view that we should approach the CM and convince him of the irregularities & high headedness of the Board officers, resulting in such stiff tariff. It was finally decided to meet the CM with a write up mentioning all facts and submit our contentions for tariff protest. JSIA would however, file objection before 14<sup>th</sup> August'15

The meet was followed by High Tea.

**10.08.15:** Mr Binod Tulsian, Chairman Electricity Sub Committee, Mr Ajay Bhandari, Mr Deepak Kr. Maroo & Mr Anjay Pacheriwala had a meeting with Sub committee chairman of FJCCI, at Chamber Bhawan and decided to file objection against proposed hike in Tariff. It was also decided to file a petition in the High court, if the commission do not take cognizance of objections. JSIA team also met Mr Madhu Mittal, Advocate, High Court in the evening and apprised him of the anomalies of the tariff petition, and sought his views on future course of action on the matter.

**Pollution related matter:**

A delegation led by the President, comprising Mr Ranjit Tibrewal, Mr. Bikash Singh, Mr Philip Mathew & Mr Pravin Jha from Ramgarh met Mr A.K.Mishra, Chairman & Mr Sanjay Kr. Suman, MS, JSPCB at his chamber at 11.30 A.M.