

CMIA VOICED ISSUES RELATED TO CURRENT POWER SITUATION



CMIA VICE PRESIDENT, CAPT PIYUSH SINHA HONORING MR.PRATAP HOGADE, PRESIDENT, MAHARASHTRA VIJ GRAHAK MANCH FROM RIGHT CMIA HON.SECRETARY ASHISH GARDE



MR.PRATAP HOGADE, PRESIDENT, MAHARASHTRA VIJ GRAHAK MANCH ADDRESSING THE MEMBERS DURING THE INTERACTION MEETING



CMIA HON.TREASURER MR.PREMSUKH ZAMBAD INTERACTING WITH MR.PRATAP HOGADE DURING THE MEETING. CMIA VICE PRESIDENT CAPT.PIYUSH SINHA & HON.SECRETARY ASHISH GARDE ARE ALSO SEEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH

Chamber of Marathwada Industries and Agriculture (CMIA) had organized an interaction meeting of all Industrial Consumers and traders to review the current power crisis and work out a common strategy to deal this situation effectively. This important meeting was held on Monday, 25th January,2010 at CMIA hall. CMIA had invited Mr.Pratap Hogade, President, Maharashtra Vij Grahak Manch to address the gathering.

It has been observed that electricity supply charges are increased very frequently by the Govt. and the revision in the rates happened more than 3-4 times in a year. Even though the rates are being increased, the situation like load-shedding still continues.

The rates are abruptly increased and the industrial consumers are not assured of quality supply of adequate power, which not only adversely affects the business but also results in higher rate of inflation. With the latest price hike, Maharashtra State has become one of the costliest power supplying state in the country wherein local industries tend to lose their cost competitiveness while facing the Global competition.

There is scope for improving the efficiency of power generation in Maharashtra State as well as need to take stringent action to bring down the transmission losses and control the power thefts and poor collection of payments for the bill, which leads to increase in the power prices and adds burden on Industrial Consumers, who clear their bills on time.

CMIA President Mr.Sacheen Mulay, Hon.Secretary Mr.Ashish Garde had appealed to the Industrialists & traders to actively participate in this important meeting, which was focussed to discuss issues related to power.

During this interaction meeting organized by Chamber of Marathwada Industries and Agriculture (CMIA) Mr.Pratap Hogade, President Maharashtra Veej Grahak Manch told that State Govt. and Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission had been unable to control the load-shedding and power tariff. The Manch would be meeting in the second week of February at Mumbai to Chalk out an action plan to tackle the issue. He expressed concern over revision of power tariff thrice in 2009. The hike in power tariff in the last 6 months had shocked the Industries in the region. Maharashtra tops in the country for tariff revisions. The common citizens and industrial consumers did not get any solace from the MERC in terms of power tariff. Nobody is ready to raise voice against wastage of power, corruption and irregularities in purchase of power at high rates,. In the name of zero load shedding, the consumers are harassed by levying exorbitant charges. It is vital that a public agitation is started. We can also approach the Supreme Court. An action plan will be formulated to deal with the matter. If possible, a daylong bandh may also be observed by the industrialists. He also blamed that the Franchises are only after gaining the profit instead of serving people.

For this interaction meeting, Mr.M.M.Chobe of Urja Manch Member, Mr.P.D.Joshi and Janta Dal leader Ajmal Khan were also present, besides CMIA delegation comprising of Vice President Capt.Piyush Sinha, Hon.Secretary Mr.Ashish Garde, Hon.Treasurer Mr.Premasukh Zambad along with CMIA Members & their representatives & traders from the region.