

**Meeting organized by the Secretary Labour, Dept.of Industries, Energy and Labour, Govt. of Maharashtra on Wednesday, 14th October,09 at Mantralaya Mumbai**

Dept.of Industries, Energy and Labour, Govt. of Maharashtra has organized a meeting on Wednesday, 14th October,09 at Mantralaya Mumbai to discuss the benefits of Computerization being done at Labour Dept.

The said meeting was convened by Secretary, Labour Dept., Govt. of Maharashtra and would be held at the Conference Hall on the 6th Floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai.

During the course of the said meeting, Secretary, Labour Dept. interacted with the representatives of the Industries Association regarding the new systems to be implemented.

On behalf of CMIA, Mr.V.V. YERWA, General Manager - Corporate HR from Bagla Group attended the said meeting & the gist of the meeting is as follows;

The meeting was conducted in the Office of the Secretary Ms.Kavita Gupta, since there were only 8-10 representatives from various institutions viz. NIPM- Mumbai Chapter, Indian Merchants' Chambers, etc. Mr.D.R. Bothare, Additional Commissioner of Labour was also present.

At the outset of the meeting, Ms. Kavita Gupta had briefly mentioned the necessity of the computerization of entire Labour Department. There are almost 38 Laws where the Labour Department's involvement is available. Under these enactments, there are various transactions & formalities are involved for returns, licences, forms, renewals etc. To minimize the quantum of work of both Industries & Labour Department, all submissions will be made online (mandatory). There will be a separate web site for the department. The formats will be provided to the industries for uploading the required information. This will also helpful to remove the Inspector-raj.

The designing of software & other activities are handling by M/s.Pricewaterhouse Coopers Pvt. Ltd. Sales Tax site & software was also developed by this agency.

The meeting was convened basically to understand the problems if the Labour Department starts working on line. There was detailed discussions on the software. It was communicated that the services are being made available to the industry by M/s Pricewaterhouse on a nominal charges for development of mini software for uploading the data etc.

It was also communicated by the Secretary that this system will start phasewise & initially it will be in Thane Region & based on the experiences the same shall be implemented in all regions in Maharashtra.

It was also decided to forward the presentation made by M/s.Pricewaterhouse to the members attended. The same is still awaited.