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Minutes of the First meeting of the Executive Committee of Chamber of Commerce & Industry held in a phased manner due to Covid-19 restrictions, under the Presidentship of Sh. Arun Gupta by inviting limited number of members in each meeting. These meetings were simultaneously held on 4th September, 5th September, 8th September, 9th September, 11th September and 1st October 2021.

At the outset Sh. Gaurav Gupta, Secretary General welcomed the members of the Executive Committee present in the meeting and Sh. Arun Gupta, President CCI introduced the new team of Office Bearers to the Executive Committee and also sought their cooperation and guidance in the furthering the cause of Trade and Industry.

There after Sh. Arun Gupta President presented the report on the Interim Activities.

At the very beginning after taking the charge the CCI Team visited Commissioner State Taxes Department and apprised him of the problems being faced by business community.

The Chamber team has also met Sh. Dheeraj Gupta, Principal Secretary Housing and Urban Development in his office Chamber and discussed the problems being faced by occupants of Shopkeepers of Shiv Market Railway Station, Bahu Plaza, General Bus Stand and Transeport Nagar

The CCI Jammu has also got an opportunity to meet with the Hon'ble Lt Governor J&K UT, Sh. Manoj Sinha and submitted a Memorandum highlighting various problems of Trade and Industry. We sought special relief package including waiver of rent for the survival and revival of business of business community. We also demanded that Hotels and Restaurants should be allowed to function with 50% capacity upto 10 PM and also increase the guest capacity of Banquet Hall upto 100.

The CCI delegation also met with Commissioner JMC and expressed resentment about the unnecessary harassment and misbehavior of business community. The delegation took the issue of Shopkeepers dealing in Non-essential items with the government and expressed concern over the govt order allowing them to open their shops for just 2 hours twice a week. Subsequently all the shops were not opened for full time.

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Chamber also resented the decision of government to impose the property tax and requested hon'ble the Lt Governor to defer the same while highlighting the issue of wine traders. It expressed resentment against New Excise Policy announced by UT of J&K.

The Chamber has also arranged a meeting of affected wine traders of Jammu with Dr. Jitendra Singh Hon'ble MOS in PMO at delhi and apprised him of the way the New Excise Policy is going to hit the wine traders in UT of J&K.

During the 2nd Wave of Covid-19 pandemic in Jammu, Chamber organized two vaccination camps at Chamber House and provided free meals to the patients and their attendants. We also provided free ration and oxygen concentrators to the poor and needy persons.

The Chamber has also met with the members of Delimitation Commission and presented its view point.

We again met with the with Commissioner State Taxes Department and discussed various issues including reimbursement of GST to Industrial Units which is pending since last more than two years extension of VAT Amnesty, enhancement of limit GST e-way bills from fifty thousand to Rs, 1.00 lacs and release of securities.

Chamber, in a communication, urged the Reserve Bank of India to put in abeyance "Tweaked" guidelines on current accounts.

The CCI delegation has also met with Sh. Rajeev Bhatnagar, Advisor to Hon'ble Lt. Governor J&K and apprised him about the various problems being faced by the business community and demanded full Vaccinations of traders to deal with possible wave of Covid-19.

The CCI team also met with Mr. Rohit Kansal, Principal Secretary PDD and discussed various issues which include power amnesty scheme, unscheduled power cuts, difficult of mesh of conductors on PDD Poles with no symmetry at all.

The Chamber also dispatched relief material for the cloud burst affected people of Kishtwar Dachin Area. The relief material was flaged off by Mayor JMC Chander Mohan Gupta.

The Chamber Team also met with the Chief Secretary at his office and projects the burning issues pertaining to the business community in large and submitted Memorandum in this regard

While discussing the agenda point "Budget Allocations" Members expressed that Chamber of Commerce & Industry is working for the betterment of Trade and Industry besides social responsibilities for which unexpected and unlimited expenditure is involved, so fixing of budget for different heads would hamper the working of the organization and members with one voice without fixing the budget under different heads authorized the office bearers incur the



necessary expenditure under different heads and get the same approved before the accounts put up before General house for its approval. During discussion regarding the construction on unfinished portion of Chamber building the chamber team sought permission for completion of this portion. The Members unanimously announced in a single voice to complete the unfurnished portion of the building and authorized the office bearers to take necessary steps in this regard so that it can be better utilized for the business community.

Thereafter the agenda point "To consider and adopt the audited accounts for the financial years ending 31-03-2018, 31-03-2019 & 31-03-2020, Members expressed that for adopting the audited accounts for the above period. The complete financial statement should have been circulated among the executive committee members for their consideration and it was unanimously decided this agenda point should be discussed in the next meeting of the executive committee. The copies of the audited accounts statements be circulated among the executive committee members well in advance their consideration.

During the discussion some members raised the issue of surrendering the parking space which was got allotted by the previous team infront of Chamber House from JDA on monthly rent of Rs. 20000/- plus 18% GST. In response to this, Arun Gupta apprised the members that the aforesaid space infront of Chamber building was already being used by Chamber Members for the last so many years then why to pay the huge rent in this regard.

During Interaction with the members, Two members raised the issue pertaining to the club fee, in response to the said query Arun gupta apprised the members in the absence of the approval from the various departments regarding the said club, unfortunately amount was received from the members in the shape of club membership fee and out of the collected amount in large 45 Lacs were deposited to the GST department but we are taking the cognisance of the whole issue and the same will be resolved soon.

Some members also raised the issue of 461 new members. Sh. Arun Gupta apprised the members present in the meeting that these members have enrolled by the previous team without following proper procedure of scrutinizing the membership forms as well as attached documents and no approval of executive committee has been obtained in this regard.

The Members authorized the office bearers to take necessary steps including scrutiny of membership forms and attached documents and get the approved of Executive Committee to solve this issue.

The meeting came to an end with a vote of thanks presented by Sh. Anil Gupta, Sr. Vice President.

(Gaurav Gupta) 18 11 2021

Secretary General