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GOVERNMENT TO WORK WITH PLASTICS INDUSTRY, HELP ADDRESS VARIOUS ISSUES: Shri P. RAGHAVENDRA RAO, IAS, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

The All India Plastics Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA), stressed on the importance of waste management, rationalization of import duties on plastic raw materials and need to establish viable plastic parks to encourage processing of plastics. The government and the Plastics Industry will work together to address various issues and Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, is open to suggestions by this sector as per Secretary, Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao, Secretary in the Ministry.

Addressing an interactive plastics industry session organised by The All India Plastics Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA) here on Thursday, Mr. Rao said the Maharashtra State Government is aware of various problems faced by the industry and confirmed that a task-force formed is looking at sustainable solutions. The key discussion points of this interactive session included the current status and road-map for the growth of the Indian Plastics industry, plastic ban in Maharashtra and implementation of EPR for possible solutions.

"While there is great potential for plastics, the government needs to play an active role in promoting use of plastics," said Mr. Hiten Bheda, AIPMA President. The government must encourage end-use consumption, provide appropriate infrastructure, give boost to plasticulture for agro and food-processing as well as focused support to facilitate use of plastics in healthcare and automotive.

Mr. Bheda also felt the government needs to rationalize import duties on plastic raw materials to help domestic manufacturers as well as come out with a favorable National Petrochemicals Policy which would help processing industry, specifically MSMEs. "We urge the government to establish viable plastic parks to encourage processing of plastics closer to areas of consumption," said Mr. Jayesh Rambhia, Chairman of Plastic Parks, initiative of AIPMA.

Mr. Akhilesh Bhargava and Mr. Haren Sanghavi, Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Environment Committee, AIPMA, stressed on the importance of waste management, which is the biggest problem, the plastics industry

faces at present. They also made a presentation that was educative and which clearly laid out a solution to this issue of waste management.

The interactive session was attended by officials from the DCPC, the Government of Maharashtra, AIPMA Managing Committee along with representatives of various organisations and experts from the industry. Those present included Mr. Samir Kumar Biswas, IAS, Joint Secretary to Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India and Mr. Varun Sanghavi from Chief Minister's Secretariat.

Mr. Vinay Mathur, Deputy Secretary General, FICCI, was felicitated by Mr. Chandrakant Turakhia, Vice-President, AIPMA (West). Mr. Chandrakant Salunkhe, President, SME Chambers was also felicitated by Mr. Raju Desai, Past President of AIPMA. The session began with a presentation by Mr. Hiten Bheda and concluded with a summary and vote of thanks by Mr. Arvind Mehta, Chairman of the AIPMA Governing Council and Mr. Jagat Killawala, AIPMA Vice-President (Finance). The introduction and brief welcome was performed by Master of Ceremony, Mr. Jayesh Rambhia, Past President of AIPMA.

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