

Fixed Assets which clearly brings out this anomaly.

The burden doubles when fees under the Air and Water Acts are added up. On the other hand, the incremental difference between the Medium and Large (above 10 Crores Gross Fixed Assets) industries is not so high and the increase tapers off.

Small and Medium Industries who have been worst affected by the economic slowdown and severe power shortage are further burdened with this steep increase.

As you are well aware that these industries work on very low margins and they are already incurring heavy capital expenditure by fixing pollution control devices which itself is a daunting financial challenge. Our concern is that a high Consent Fee, in the prevailing economic scenario, may prove to be a major

impediment to their growth and force many of them to turn sick.

In view of the above, we request you to kindly look into the matter and consider revising the Consent Fee rates so that all sections of the industry will run their industry without any hindrance.

We are sure that you will consider our genuine request favourably and issue necessary orders in this regard.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Jayakumar Ramdass
President, SIEMA

Copy to:
Shri T.P M. Moideen Khan
Hon'ble Minister for Environment
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai – 600 009



SIEMA

Insight

Activities of SIEMA from 1st November 2009 to 15th November 2009

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Technical Committee Meeting:

Technical Committee meeting was held on 2nd November 2009 and discussed about the IEC Document No. 60034-22 Ed.2 - Rotating Electrical Machines – Part 22: AC Generators for Reciprocating Internal Combustion (RIC) Engine Driven Generating sets.

Discussion on Power Crises:

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President attended a meeting to discuss about the present power crises organized by Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Coimbatore on 2nd November 2009 at Chamber Towers.

Steering Committee Meeting

Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President, attended the Steering Committee Meeting on 4th November 2009 at CII office to discuss about the

conducting of National Conference on "Pumps" to be held on 20th and 21st November 2009 at Coimbatore.

Meeting with Secretary, MSME:

We jointly with CODISSIA and COINDIA organized an interaction meeting with Shri Dinesh Rai, I.A.S., Secretary to Government, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Industry, Government of India, New Delhi on 5th November 2009 at COINDIA Complex to discuss about the common issues of industry.

Governing Council Meeting of Chamber:

Sri R. R. Ranghanathen and Sri V. Lakshminarayananasamy, Vice Presidents attended the Governing Council Meeting of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 9th November 2009 at Chamber Towers.



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Meeting at Commercial Taxes:

Sri V. Sundararajan, MC Member and Sri Rajendran, Sales Tax Consultant of our Association attended a meeting organized by the Commercial Taxes Department on 10th November 2009 to discuss about the E filing, E Payment and Filing of declaration forms by the assesses / traders and Fast track Clearance System on 10th November 2009.

Session on Life is Simple Arithmetic ... Let us not complicate it:

We arranged a lecture on "Life is simple Arithmetic.. Let us not Complicate it" by Shri C. Rajendran, Commissioner, Customs, Central Excise and Service Tax, Coimbatore on 11th November 2009 at our Association.

Interview by ET:

Ms. Sujatha, Senior Reporter, Economic Times interviewed Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President on 13th November 2009 about the present industrial scenario.

Press Meet:

We jointly with CII (Coimbatore Zone), SIEMA & IPMA arranged a Press Meet on 13th November 2009 to brief about the National Conference on "Pumps" – Energy Efficiency Pumping Systems to be held on 20 – 21st November 2009 at Coimbatore. Sri Jayakumar Ramdass, President and Sri V. Krishnakumar, President, IPMA addressed the press meet.

Forth Coming Events

National conference on, "Pumps – Energy Efficiency in Pumping System" will be held on 20th and 21st November 2009 at COINDIA complex, Avarampalayam.

The Fifth Managing Committee Meeting jointly with the Executive Committee meeting of Indian Pump Manufacturers' Association (IPMA) will be held on 21st November 2009 at ND Hall.

Annual General Meeting of Indian Pump Manufacturers' Association (IPMA), Mumbai will be held on 21st November 2009 at ND Hall.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), SIEMA and Si'Tarc will organize a Regional Licensees Meet to discuss about the latest changes in IS 996 and IS 8472 on 3rd December 2009 at our Association.

We are giving below a copy of the representation sent to Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu requesting to reduce the consent fee under Pollution Control Act.

Ref: SIEMA/PCB/2009-10
12th November 2009

Dr. M. Karunanidhi,
Hon'ble Chief Minister of
Tamil Nadu,
Fort St. George,
Chennai 600 009.

Respected sir,

Sub: G.O Ms No. 97 and 98 dated
17/08/2009 - revision of Consent
Fee by TNPCB.

Southern India Manufacturers' Association (SIEMA) was founded in 1952, with a sole aim of representing and protecting the interests of Micro, Small, Medium and Large Scale Engineering Industries of this Region. Most of our members are engaged in

manufacture of Electric Motors, Monoblocks, Pumps, Submersible Pumpsets, Diesel Engines, Foot Valves, Auto components, Textile Machinery and Parts, Castings etc. Nearly 45% of the Country's requirements of Pumpsets are being produced in Coimbatore. As a prominent forum of this region, we would like to submit the following for your kind consideration:

At the outset we thank you for keeping the Consent Fee rates low for Small Industries with lower investment (upto Rs. 5 Crores Gross Fixed Assets) and appreciate your concern for them. This step will go a long way in addressing their concern regarding costs.

However, there is a steep increase in the fee for large, Small as well as Medium industries with an investment of Rs.5 to 10 Crores in gross Fixed Asset. The incremental difference between the Small and the Medium industries is very high and is to the tune of almost 10 times of the present fee structure. For your ready reference, we have enclosed a graph to highlight the Consent Fee Vs Gross