

MINUTES OF THE 25TH ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF THE KANDLA TIMBER ASSOCIATION HELD AT TIMBER BHAVAN ON SUNDAY, THE 26TH AUGUST, 2012.

The meeting was held at 1.30 pm, as the election time was extended from 8 am to 1 pm as desired by a group of members of the Association. In all 309 members were present in the meeting.

Shri S N Dubey, informed that he was very happy to see a large number of members participating in this meeting and this trend may be continued in future meetings also. Thereafter, he invited the office bearers of the Managing Committee to occupy their respective positions in the dais and asked Shri H B Yadav to have prayer and conduct the meeting smoothly.

Accordingly a prayer was held by Shri H B Yadav and he also expressed his feelings about the presence of large number of members in the meeting and thanked all of them.

Thereafter, Shri S N Dubey, Joint Secretary, in the absence of Hon. Secretary Shri Shiv kumar Mittal, was requested to read the minutes of the last Annual General Body Meeting. As he was reading the minutes in Gujarati, some of the members requested that he may explain the contents in the minutes in Hindi also. This was agreed to and necessary translation in Hindi was also done. After reading the minutes he requested the members whether the minutes could be confirmed. Shri Purshottam V. Patel and some of the members stated that the minutes may be confirmed. Immediately after reading the minutes Shri S N Dubey also read out the activities report for the year for general information of the members.

Shri Shrichand Gangwal Hon. Treasurer was thereafter requested to present the accounts for the period 2011 – 12. while welcoming the members he thanked all of them for attending this meeting and informed that he would be reading the important points of the audit report for information to the members and if any member wanted any further detail regarding audit report they may contact the office of the Association for getting necessary details. Shri Brijesh Mishra stated that the members would have been supplied with the copy of the audit report. Shri Raghbir Gupta stated that the details of expenditure may be read out. Shri Gangwal read out some of the major expenditure in the report for information of the members.

Thereafter, Shri H B Yadav, informed the members that Shri Mukesh Gupta, the past President of the Association who is also a supplier and Shri Yogesh Mehta President Stevedores Association of Kandla Port Trust, would like to share some information with the members of our Association for their information.

Shri Mukesh Gupta, while welcoming the office bearers and the members present in the meeting informed that he was not happy about the trend of the business presently going on in the timber trade and no focus was being made. In this connection, he elaborated some of the feelings and finally informed the members that co-operation and friendship was the need of our for improving the trade. He finally informed that he was very sorry to say

that some of the senior members of our Association has been disqualified from participating the election and voting for non payment of membership of Rs.200/-, when they are giving lot of money to the Association by way of T.P. charges etc.

Shri Yogesh Mehta, while welcoming the members informed that he was sharing the feelings and suggestions made by Shri Mukesh Gupta. He informed for general information of the members that as per the information available to him the Kandla Port Trust is constructing four more berths i.e. berth No. 13 to 16 and necessary hire charges have been fixed by the TAMP (Traffic Authority of Measure Ports). After commissioning of the berths the berth hire charges were likely to go up and the trade will be facing very difficult. Of-course, the shipping fraternity and other port users would be very much against to this.

Shri Ashok Aggarwal informed the members that he was trying very much for a settlement between the two groups, but could not succeed in his mission and therefore the election was eminent. He expressed un happiness on this and informed that after Kandla Timber Association the other biggest Association is Delhi Timber Association and therefore they should be a Committee of these both the Association in order to have smooth atmosphere. He also informed that for non payment of Rs.200/- towards membership fee some of the directors of M/s Sitaram & Compay & A S Wood Impex PL were declared disqualified though they are paying lacs of rupees to the Kandla Timber Association. This was not a happy situation.

The President, Shri Navneet R Gajjar while thanking members present in the meeting express his happiness for the large gathering and hoped that this trend would be continued in future also. While elaborating various points for information of the members, he expressed his enability in sorting out the issues with the customs department for refund of Special Additional Duty. In this connection, he further informed that while all the efforts were made for satisfying the custom Department after collecting information from Chennai, Tuticorin and Mumbai and forwarding such information to the Customs Department at Kandla they have not refunded the SAD to the eligible members so far : even though a number of meetings were held. He also informed the members about the approval received from the Central Empowered Committee for grant of Forest Licenses but indicated that the industries are not coming up as per the approval.

Shri S N Dubey informed that the newly elected Committee may think of celebrating Silver Jubilly of our Association as, our Association has completed 25 years. Shri H B yadav informed the members that a lunch has been arranged for the members and the result of the lection would be declared after the lunch as the counting was in progress.

At about 4 pm the result of the election was declared by the Presiding cum Returning Officer for information of the members.