

Minutes of the meeting of Executive Committee held on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2013 under the Presidentship of Sh. Y.V. Sharma at Jammu Club Jammu.

The following were present

**Office Bearers**

Sh. Y.V. Sharma	President
Sh. Sham Lal Langer,	Sr. Vice President
Sh. Anil Gupta,	Jr. Vice President
Sh. Arun Gupta,	Secretary General
Sh. Deepak Aggarwal,	Secretary
Sh. Bharat Bhushan Gupta,	Treasurer

**Members**

Sh. Suresh Mahajan	Sh. Sanjeev Soni
Maj. Gen. B.N.Dhar	Sh. S.C. Dutta
Sh. Ravi Mahajan	Sh. Chaman Khajuria
Sh. Ganesh Koul	Sh. Surinder Gupta
Sh. Sham Langer	Sh. Ram Ji Dass Aggarwal
Sh. Sunil Aggarwal	Sh. Satish Koul
Sh. Dharminder Pal	Sh. Nathu Ram Gupta
Sh. Romesh Mahajan	Sh. Kundan Lal Gupta
Sh. Kirti Kumar	Sh. Des Raj Gupta
Sh. Kuldip Sharma	Sh. Deepak Dafatri
Sh. Kuldip Gupta	Sh. Joginder Pal Gupta
Sh. Suresh Gupta	Sh. Raj Kumar Gupta
Sh. Koushal Gupta	Sh. Vinod Gupta
Sh. Bansi Lal Gupta	Sh. Vinod Sachdeva
Sh. Jatinder Aul	Sh. Rohit Mahajan
Sh. Karamvir Gupta	Sh. Vinod Gupta
Sh. Vaishno Dass	Sh. Neeraj Lucky Puri
Sh. Kushwinder Malhotra	Sh. Nirmal Kumar Mehta
Sh. Ravinder Aggarwal	Sh. Rakesh Chander Gupta
Sh. Pawan Gupta	Sh. Jaspal Singh
Sh. Anil Gupta	Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta
Sh. Dev Anand Kalra	Sh. Balwinder Singh
Sh. Ramesh Gandotra	Sh. Sanjay Gupta
Sh. Satish Gupta	Sh. Pawan Kumar
Sh. Sanjay Kumar Gupta	Sh. Naresh Sadotra
Sh. Sudershan Kohli	Sh. Shiv Kumar Sharma
Sh. Rajesh Vaid	Sh. O.P.Kesar
Sh. Gurwinder Singh	Sh. Rajesh Vaid
Sh. Manoj Kumar	Sh. Jagdish Raj Gupta
Sh. Om Parkash Gupta	Sh. Gopal Krishan
Sh. Ramnik Gupta	Sh. Surinder Gupta
Sh. Naresh Chander Gupta	Sh. Vidya Bhushan
Sh. Avtar Singh	Sh. Jagmohan Gupta
Sh. Chander Raman Gandotra	Sh. Chander Parkash Gupta
Sh. Joginder Pal Gupta	Sh. Vinay Sharma
Sh. Inder Sehgal	Sh. Ashwani Arora

*Sh. Om Parkash  
Sh. Ashok Mahajan  
Sh. R.K.Pargal  
Sh. Vijay Kumar  
Sh. Bhushan Lal Gupta  
Sh. Ramesh Gupta  
Sh. Jatinder Kapoor  
Sh. Yash Pal Kapoor  
Sh. Ramesh Chander  
Sh. Pardeep Aggarwal  
Sh. Rajinder Kumar  
Sh. Deepak Gupta  
Sh. Kulbushan Gupta  
Sh. Manmohan Singh  
Sh. Amrik Singh Reen  
Sh. Pankaj Chopra  
Sh. Keemti Lal Jain  
Sh. Ranbir Singh  
Sh. Gulshan Gupta  
Sh. Rakesh Sharma  
Sh. Kuldip Gupta  
Sh. Arun Pachnanda  
Sh. Gurmeesh Pachnanada  
Sh. Arun Gupta  
Sh. Vijay Pargal  
Sh. Sant Kumar Gupta  
Sh. Pawan Gupta  
Sh. Raj Daluja  
Sh. Vinay Jain  
Sh. Rohit Sharma  
Sh. Rajesh Gupta  
Sh. Bhuvneshwar Gandotra  
Sh. Pawan Gupta  
Sh. Naval Aggarwal  
Sh. Ashok Kumar  
Sh. Chander Gulati  
Sh. Vijay Aggarwal  
Sh. Sanjay Gupta  
Sh. Shiv Partap Gupta  
Sh. Raghubir Gupta  
Sh. Sandeep Gupta  
Sh. Varidner Puri  
Sh. Naresh Gandotra  
Sh. Rajesh Langer  
Sh. Munish Mahajan*

*Sh. Rajinder Sharma  
Sh. Deepak Soni  
Sh. Suresh Gupta  
Sh. Kuldip Gupta  
Sh. Girish Bajaj  
Sh. Chander Mohan  
Sh. B.B.Gupta  
Sh. Anil Mahajan  
Sh. Sanjay Nagpal  
Sh. Rajinder Jain  
Sh. Vinod Gupta  
Sh. Bansi Lal Gupta  
Sh. Jagmohan Gupta  
Sh. Vinay Kumar Gupta  
Sh. Sudesh Kumar  
Sh. Vijay Verma  
Sh. Pankaj Kumar  
Sh. Ashwani Kumar  
Sh. Pardeep Kumar  
Sh. Ashu Gupta  
Sh. Sunil Gupta  
Sh. Anoop Mittal  
Sh. Ashwani Khullar  
Sh. Naveen Jandial  
Sh. Mukesh Bhargav  
Sh. Davinder Sharma  
Sh. Omkar Sharma  
Sh. Jogesh Khorrana  
Sh. Surinder Mahajan  
Sh. Yash Pal Abrol  
Sh. Nishi Kant Khajuria  
Sh. Ajay Gandotra  
Sh. Rajesh Jain  
Sh. Sanjay Aggarwal  
Sh. B.K.Bhandari  
Sh. Dalip Gupta  
Sh. Sachin Gupta  
Ch. Vikram Randhwa  
Sh. Mohan Lal Gupta  
Sh. Ashok Gupta  
Sh. Surinder Gupta  
Sh. Vijay Pandoh  
Sh. Vinod Sachdeva  
Sh. Dalip Kumar  
Sh. Sanjeev Aggarwal*

*At the outset Secretary General Sh. Arun Gupta while welcoming the members of the Executive Committee, Coopted Members and Special Invitees expressed gratitude to them for attending the*

meeting , despite heavy rains which shows the keen interest of the members in Chamber's activities. Sh. Arun Gupta Secretary General presented the report of the interim activities which includes Chamber's Protest Dharna against the FDI in retail sector, Chamber asked the government that business community should be taken into confidence before going to implement it in our State.

Chamber organized a Press Conference against the Income Tax surveys and raids. Chamber resented the procedure and the manner adopted by the department and compelling the persons involved to surrender the hefty amount to justify the survey by a team of officers for their face saving.

In an another Press Conference-Chamber expressed concern over the slow pace of progress on the development projects especially in Jammu and demanded that work on the important projects including construction of flyover, artificial lake over River Tawi, Gandola at Mubarak Mandi, International Convention Center, Modernization of General Bus Stand with multi-storied Parking facility be taken up on priority.

Chamber also requested the government to enhance the cap of subsidized LPG Cylinders in J&K keeping in view the climatic conditions of the State.

The Delegation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry headed by President Sh. Y.V. Sharma called on the Union Home Minister during his visit to the State and submitted him a Memorandum highlighting the problems being faced by the people of Jammu.

On the very first day of opening of Darbar at Jammu, Chamber's delegation called on Hon'ble Chief Minister and submitted a Memorandum. The issues discussed in the Meeting include extension of Central Package of incentives, extension of Income Tax Exemption, Completion of developmental works on priority basis etc

The delegation of Chamber of Commerce also called on His Excellency the Governor Sh. N.N. Vohra at Raj Bhawan and highlighted development oriented issues which include, setting up of Rail Coach Factory in Jammu Division, Speedy construction of Projects like convention center at Jammu, Installation of Gandola between Mubarak Mandi – Baghe Bahu, Provision of more flyovers etc.

Chamber organized an interactive session with Commissioner Commercial Taxes at Chamber House who was accompanied by Additional Commissioner P.I.Khateeb, Dy. Commissioner Vigilance & Inspection Sh. Sohail Noor Shah, Dy. Commissioner, Lakhanpur , Sh. Ashish Gupta, Dy. Commissioner Appeals, Sh. P.K. Bhat, Dy. Commissioner Recovery Mrs. Vivek Sharma. During the interaction various problems being faced by the trading community were highlighted which include seizure of Goods at Lakhanpur on the plea of under valuation.

Later the Joint Delegation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry Jammu & Federation of Traders and Manufacturers from Kashmir visited Lakhanpur and interacted with Dy. Commissioner Commercial Taxes Lakhanpur and Dy. Commissioner Commercial Taxes Headquarters. During interaction various issues confronting trade and Industry were discussed. It was suggested to put an end to the out dated practice of seizure of goods on the pretext of under valuation and instead send the goods alongwith seizure Memo to Jammu Head Office for release by a committee comprised of officers from Commercial Taxes department and representatives of Trade and Industry. Subsequently a Joint Press Conference was also organized in this regard.

*Subsequently the delegation Chamber of Commerce & Industry called on the Commissioner Commercial Taxes in his Office Chamber's and again apprised him of the difficulties being faced by the trading community.*

*Delegation of Traders connected with Tourism Trade from Bhaderwah area called on the President & Office Bearers at Chamber House and apprised about the various problems / difficulties being by them.*

*Chamber presented a Pre-Budget Memorandum to government containing certain suggestions for inclusion in the Budget proposals which include variation of rates, exemption of VAT on certain items, enhancement thrash hold limit / TOT limit, creation of New Wholesale Markets/Industrial Estates, VAT remission/CST exemption to Industry, Power amnesty for revival of sick units, VAT refund on Raw Material through SICOP & Development of Tourism etc.*

*Delegation of the Office Bearer's of Chamber of Commerce & Industry under the Chairmanship of President Sh. Y.V. Sharma called on the MOS Industries & Commerce Sh. Sajad Ahmad Klichloo at Civil Secretariat Jammu and highlighted various issues including the matter relating to setting up of Rail Coach Factory at Jammu to boost the Industry.*

*Delegation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry headed by Sh. Sham Lal Langer, Sr. Vice President called on Hon'ble Finance Minister Sh. Abdul Rahim Rather and brought into his notice various issues which include reduction of VAT on certain items and Toll Tax exemption on import of fresh Vegetables / Fruit.*

*Sh. Y.V. Sharma, attended various meetings which include the following*

- *Meeting under the Chairmanship of Minister for Industries & Commerce –regarding fixation of Minimum Wages*
- *Meeting of grievance redressal committee under the Chairmanship of Principal Secretary Finance*
- *Meetings of the CAPD regarding MRP*
- *Meetings regarding Fixation of rates of the items traded on LOC through Chakan-da-Bagh & Salamabad*
- *Meeting of the working group under the Chairmanship of Director Industries & Commerce to discuss the draft of State Action Plan on Climatic changes*
- *Meeting under the Chairmanship of Director Environment and remote sensing to discuss the issues relating to manufacturing and marketing of Bio-degradable Polythene Bags.*
- *Meeting to discuss the way forward for development of hydro projects through local entrepreneurs in the IPP Mode.*
- *Meeting of the J&K State Pollution Control Board to discuss the report of expert committee of Polythene, disposal of confiscated Polythene Carry Bags.*

- *Two day's conference on "Intra-Kashmir Civil Society Cross LOC Conference" organized by the Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation (CDR)*
- *Meeting of the Empowered Committee to monitor the flow of credit to MSME Sector.*
- *Meeting of the Executive Council on climatic changes held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to discuss the State Action Plan on Climatic Changes.*
- *Sr. Vice President Sh. Sham Lal Langer attended the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner to review the functioning of attendants Sarai of G.M.C Jammu at Maheshpura being managed by Regional Red Cross Society.*

*Thereafter, Sh. Y.V. Sharma, President formally welcomed the members and apprised the house about some important meetings attend by him which include 27<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting of the State Pollution Control Board. Mr. Sharma informed the house that in the said meeting he has forcefully sought the review of the ban on the Polythene Carry Bags of 40 Micron and above. He urged upon the government to tackle the problem in accordance with the Central Plastic waste (Management & Handling) Rules 2011 wherein the use of Polythene Carry Bags of 40 Micron and above is permissible. He also pleaded forcefully that the ban has been imposed without any consultations with the concerned Industrialists and without providing any viable solution.*

*Mr. Sharma also informed the house that we have requested the government for allotment of land for Chamber's Business Club. The case has been marked to Vice-Chairman Jammu Development Authority for taking up the same in the next board meeting for final decision. We are pursuing the case vigorously.*

*Mr. Sharma further informed the house that on our intervention, government has enhanced the number of employees from 5 to 10 for applicability of Provident Fund Act.*

*While taking up the Agenda Point regarding fixing the charges for enrollment of New Members, members were of the unanimous view that taking into account the price escalation and the need of funds for smooth functioning of Chamber, it was necessary to enhance the charges for enrollment of new members. A few members were of the view that charges for enrollment of new members should be fixed at Rs. 11000/- per member, while majority of the members expressed that keeping in view the prestige of the organization, Funds needed for its smooth functioning , the charges for new membership should be enhanced to Rs. 25000/-. Later after through discussions the house unanimously approved and fixed the charges for enrolment of new members @ Rs. 25000/- (Rs. 21000/- Admission fee plus Rs. 4000/- Building Fund).*

*In the meeting some members raised the issue relating to non-payment Annual Subscription by some members for years together, but still their names exist in the Chamber's Membership Register. Members expressed their view that they have been provided sufficient time to clear pending arrears of subscription and review their membership, hence their membership should be cancelled and their names be deleted from the Chamber's membership register as per provisions of the Constitution and after initiating the move for enrollment of new members there should be no revival of old membership. On this Mr. Sharma, while expressing his views stated that the entire business community is like one family and incase some members have not deposited their annual subscription for previous years due to some reasons and have become defaulters, we should not be so harsh and punish them by cancelling their*

*membership and deleting their name from the Chamber's Membership Register. All the members agreed upon this proposal to give more time to those members who have not deposited their subscription in the due time.*

*Thereafter the house was thrown open for discussions and members pointed out that there is no Commercial space available in the Jammu City to accommodate the young generation, the government should be asked to take immediate steps to create the sufficient space to undertake Commercial activities in and around Jammu City.*

*Some members present in the meeting said that Industry being a priority sector, an exclusive meeting should be arranged with the Minister for Industries & Commerce so that the problems / issues pertaining to Industrial development in the state are redressed.*

*On behalf of the Members of Polythene Industry, Shri Rakesh Gupta of M/s Nirmla Plastic Industry expressed gratitude to the President Chamber of Commerce & Industry Sh. Y.V. Sharma for pleading their case vociferously with the government especially with the J&K State Pollution Control Board.*

*In the end Sh. Sham Lal Langer, Sr. Vice President Chamber of Commerce & Industry, presented the Vote of Thanks.*

**(Arun Gupta)**  
Secretary General