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## Members should avail the benefit of Income Declaration Scheme 2016: Adarsh Shetty

### Forever News

**Mumbai:** The 7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Managing Committee Meeting (MCM) of the Indian Hotel and Restaurant Association (AHAR) was held at the Hotel Sai Palace, Chakala, Andheri East on July 28, 2016. At the onset, President Adarsh Shetty invited the host Vice President Jagdish Shetty Vice President, Zone-III to welcome the gathering.

Jagdish Shetty thanked his committee members for electing him as the Vice President of the Zone. He thanked all the committee members and President



**Jagdish Shetty**  
AHAR Vice President, Zone-VIII,

Adarsh Shetty for their support.

He disclosed that membership fees amounting to Rs. 3, 50, 000 was collected. Jagdish Shetty said, he will exert extra efforts to have grievances of the member hoteliers addressed through proper channels. He requested the President to proceed with the agenda.

During the meeting, the Honorary General Secretary Santosh R Shetty presented the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Monthly Managing Committee Meeting (MCM) Held on June 16, 2016. The same was unanimously approved. The motion to confirm these

minutes was proposed by KK Mahale and seconded by Suresh Shetty.

The Honorary Treasurer Shashidhar G. Shetty presented the accounts of AHAR and Performance Bar for the month of June 2016. The motion for approval was proposed by Sudhakar T. Shetty and seconded by Suresh Shetty.

### Events of the month

Addressing the gathering AHAR President Adarsh Shetty, briefed as under:

- A delegation of AHAR met



Mohammed Arif, Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Mumbai Division and Sunil Porwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Planning and other senior officials of these departments on July 12, (Continued on page 2)

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2016. During this meeting, the supplies of vegetables and fruits to hotels and restaurants during the strike at the Agricultural Produce Market Complex (APMC) and other relevant issues were discussed. The Additional Chief Secretary assured the AHAR delegation of getting uninterrupted supply of vegetables and fruits through various markets operated by the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM). He also assured the AHAR delegation to ease the supply situation by enabling purchases of fresh produce through wholesalers who procure their supplies directly from producers and supply to the state. The government officials mailed their entire list of suppliers, which was uploaded immediately on the AHAR website and members were informed about the same through bulk SMS and e-mails. There were no shortages of supply of fruits and vegetables to hoteliers during the strike due to AHAR's above

initiative.  
● The Government of Maharashtra has issued a Government Resolution dated

efforts of Prakash Patil [DMC] and Niranjana Shetty in pursuing the matter. This, he said is another landmark achievement for AHAR

will be heard in the month of August 2016. The Supreme Court has permitted the intervention for new rules implemented by State Government.

vendors only.  
● Service Tax on Parcels: A delegation of AHAR met the Chief Commissioner, Service tax regarding clarification of Service Tax levied on take away food, commonly called 'parcels'. Upon his advice AHAR had submitted its suggestions/objections about the Service Tax on parcels to the Board of Service Tax in New Delhi and the association is following up the issue with the concerned authorities.



**Joint commissioners of Income Tax Akhilesh Yadav and Premanand addressing the gathering during the monthly meeting.**

● Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL) has employed private agencies for conducting Fire Audit. AHAR advises its members to correct/rectify their plans, number of burners etc in the audit and get these regularized. He also advised them to keep the copy of report handy for future references.

● Members who have received negative inspection report of their samples of ice tested by the MCGM are required to submit a reply within the stipulated period. The draft reply is available at AHAR office.

● Meeting with Maharashtra Wine Wholesaler Merchants Association (MWWMA): A meeting between senior officials of the MWWMA and AHAR was held at AHAR office. The rampant practice of wine shops allowing buyers to consume liquor on or around their premises was discussed in earnest. The MWWMA has requested AHAR to provide list of such wine shops and assured they would initiate appropriate action against errant  
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July 11, 2016 clarifying about the sign board license following AHAR's efforts. It is categorically stated that only advertisements require licenses. He expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the

in the current year.  
● The Dance Bar case before the Supreme Court of India challenging the oppressive conditions stipulated by the Maharashtra State government

● Members are once again advised to purchase ice for consumption from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India registered manufacturers and




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liquor shops. It was also decided to hold a meeting between delegates from AHAR and MWWMA on a quarterly basis to discuss and address any issues and grievances for mutual benefit of the two organizations.

● A meeting was held with Municipal Commissioner regarding Lokayukta order of demolition of open space by restaurants which is legally allowed by the MCGM and restaurateurs pay the charge for the same.

The delegates questioned why only hoteliers are targeted when many other trades are encroaching on open spaces but do not face any demolitions or penal actions. The Municipal Commissioner assured the AHAR delegates of redressing these grievances.

● A Public Interest Litigation was filed by Sumeer Sabharwal against the State of Maharashtra over arbitrary police raids on hotels. AHAR along with the Hotel and Restaurant Association (Western India) has intervened in this matter to safe guard the interest of the residential hotels.

● A new Police Demarcation Map has been prepared for 10 zones of AHAR, for proper

coordination. This will be adopted after passing the necessary resolution during the Annual General Meeting.

### Presentation

During the MCM, Joint Commissioners of Income Tax Department Premanand, Saurabh Deshpande and Akhilesh Yadav made a brief presentation about the Income Declaration Scheme, 2016 announced by the Central Government. They called upon AHAR members to support the campaign by complying with the rules and regulations, highlighting that such compliance was for their own wellbeing.

### Advisors Speech

#### Chandras K Shetty

He advised that membership information, statistics should be maintained regularly. The follow up in the Illegal Hawkers matter should be persistent. Regular quarterly meetings of advisors are required for proper guidance and discussion.

#### Santosh R Shetty

He said that AHAR members should not offer any undue favors to government officials, since such actions will negate the efforts of AHAR Office Bearers campaigning

for better operating conditions.

AHAR members should not promote corruption. He appreciated the work of Niranjn Shetty but said that the required support from

members was lacking. The alleged harassment and blackmailing of restaurateurs by self-styled Right To Information activists in various parts of the city should be stopped. The service of advisors is always available to the association, he noted.

### Others

KK Mahale, Chairman Hawkers Action Subcommittee briefed attendees about the various actions and initiatives they have taken during the past few months to curb the hawkers menace and threat to restaurants.

### Presentation by

#### Vice Presidents

#### Zone I - Mahendra Karkera

Collected an amount of Rs. 20,000/- as membership fees.

#### Zone II - KV Shetty

Held a corner meeting. Collected Rs.30,000/- as membership fees. The medical checkup and eye camp will be held on 20.8.2016 in the zone for the benefit of employees.

#### Zone III - Suresh Shetty

Department of Weights and Measurement officials are checking the Peg measures, which require to be stamped every year. Collected an amount of Rs.30,000/- as membership fees.

#### Zone IV - Sunil Shetty

MCGM officials have started survey of fire safety at all the hotels of the zone. They are also giving Interim Relief for water samples collected from hotels.

#### Zone V -

#### Ravindranath Nire

A complaint of Swarupa Hotel regarding harassment by anti social element was being attended. A beer shop near Hotel Vijayalakshmi Beer Bar is selling and serving liquor to customers. Complaints affecting the business of the bars & restaurants nearby was received. We followed up and through persuasion stopped the same.

Collected an amount of Rs.54,000/- as membership fees during the current month.

#### Zone VII -Rajan Shetty

A complaint of non clearance of garbage by MCGM's vans was attended. Weights & Measurement officials are surveying various

hotels. Collected an amount of Rs.62,000/- as membership fees.

#### Zone VIII

#### Jagdish Shetty

A delegation of AHAR met the new 'P' Division Excise Inspector and briefed him about the grievances. Collected Rs.1,83,550/- as membership fees.

#### Zone X - Prabhakar Shetty

Weights and measurement officials are doing the survey in the zone. Collected Rs.5,62,800/- as membership fees.

### President

● Members should be aware that the open space license given is only for serving and it should not be a permanent structure.

● As it is confirmed that takeaways and home delivery attracts Service Tax, AHAR is pursuing the Service Tax department for implementing the same from January 2016, though the tax is chargeable from 2011 following a government decision.

### Letter of Appreciation

The Honorary General Secretary Santosh R. Shetty read out the appreciation letters from members appreciating AHAR's (Continued on page 6)



A delegation of AHAR met Vidyasagar Rao, Governor of Maharashtra on August 6, 2016 and presented a memorandum of various grievances of hotels & restaurants in Greater Mumbai. Seen in the picture. Niranjn Shetty, AHAR-MCGM Committee Chairman, Corporator and BJP Spokesman, Adrash shetty, President AHAR and Vishwapal Shetty, Honorary Joint Secretary are also seen.

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support. Below are the summary of these letters:

● **GR Vora:** Appreciation of work by Kamlakar Shenoy and Guruprasad Shetty for successful revocation of the Transport Division Loss Recovery from electricity bills of the Bombay Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) undertaking.

● **Surti Veg. Restaurant, Bhuleshwar:** For settling pending medical claims with INVESTAAC.

● **Hotel Vijaylaxmi,**

**Chembur:** For stopping a liquor shop from selling and serving liquor through AHAR's follow up.

● **Swarupa Bar:** For helping in tackling an anti social element harassing the hotelier.

### Condolence

The house prayed for the eternal peace of the following departed hoteliers:

1. Kanthi S Shetty wife of SM Shetty, Ex President, AHAR who

passed away on July 8, 2016.  
2. Ramanna Shetty and his wife Suguna R Shetty, of Ambika Bar & Restaurant, Mulund East.

3. Sarojini M Shetty, Vijaya Bar & Restaurant, Chembur who passed away on June 27, 2016.

4. Sitaram Shetty, Green Arch, Mahim who passed away on July 11, 2016.

5. Waman Balgi, Hotel Balgi, Carnac Bunder who passed away on June 21, 2016.

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gave brief presentations about their products and services that can be utilized by AHAR members. They were honored with floral bouquets by the President Adarsh Shetty.

### Vote of Thanks

The meeting was concluded with Vote of Thanks proposed by the Honorary General Secretary Santosh R. Shetty ●

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**For Members only**  
Dear Members,

Please note that the Basic, cost of living allowance of Hotel & Restaurant employees have been revised with effect from 1.7.2016 to 31.12.2016.

As per the Interim Order dated 17.10.2013, stating that the owners of Hotels, Restaurants and eating house [Scheduled employment No 131] to pay 70% of the revised minimum wages in terms of the impugned notification dated 5.7.2013 till returnable date. Accordingly the revised salary is worked as under:

The revised Salary payables as per Nagpur High Court Interim order are

Category	Skilled workers	Semi Skilled Workers	Unskilled Workers
Basic	7700.00	7000.00	6500.00
Special Allowance	2576.00	2576.00	2576.00
	10276.00	9576.00	9076.00
Payment 70% as per Nagpur HC Interim Order	7193.20	6703.20	6353.20

[Revised Salary as per KGV/Min Wages/Special Allowance/2-2016-1/Office-10,MWR,1948 dated 4.8.2016 issued by Labour Commissioner]

Members are strongly advised to earmark 30% of the balance payment, as this deduction will be allowed subject to the final court decision in this regard.

**Note\*** The matter was listed before the Division Bench presided over by Justice Smt V. A. Naik on 24.6.2014 for admission and order on interim relief. After hearing both the sides and considering the legal issues involved in this case, the Court admitted the writ petition for final hearing and ordered that ad-interim relief granted by the court on 17.10.2013 would continue as interim relief during the pendency and final disposal of this Writ petition.

For Indian Hotel & Restaurant Association,  
Santosh R. Shetty  
Honorary General Secretary



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