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Timely action key to success - Shri Adarsh Shetty

Forever News reporter

Proceedings

Hon. Gen. Secretary

Mumbai: The proceedings of the 2nd Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 28th January 2016 at Hotel Krishna Palace Residency, 96/98, Sleater Road, Nana Chowk, Mumbai 400007 at 7.15 p. m.

The Meeting began with welcome

an amount of Rs. 12.50 lakhs was collected by the Vice Presidents for the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. It was decided to present a purse containing Rs. 20 lakhs to CM's Drought Relief Fund by transferring an amount of Rs. 7.50 Lakhs from our main account. He requested the house to approve. The House unanimously approved the same.

Declaration of the Co-opted members and Special invitees.

The Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Santosh R. Shetty declared the names of Co-opted and Special invitees of all the 10 Zones for the year 2015-16. (Please refer to www.ahar.in for the full list).

Events of the month

Addressing the gathering President Shri Adarsh Shetty briefed as under:
• Due to the relentless effort and follow ups for the past one decade, the demand of AHAR for repeal of various Police Licenses has been finally considered and the Government has abolished all the Police Licenses required for a Hotel / Restaurant / Club Houses / Lodging houses etc. He thanked Honorable

Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis for scrapping the Police Licenses under the 'Ease of Doing Business' campaign by the Union Govt.

He thanked and congratulated all the Past Presidents, Office bearers, Present Office bearers for this milestone achievement. He credited the achievement to the team for

timely and effectively approaching various officials and the effort of all the members.

• AHAR, HRA [WI] and NRAI jointly presented a memorandum to the Additional Municipal Commissioner Shri Sanjay Deshmukh regarding simplification of rules / regulations.

The Additional Municipal Commissioner in-principal

agreed to repeal Madira Licence, Grading, requirement of Store Room, requirement of owner being present in the licensed premises for minimum of 14 days in a month, Height of Kitchen as per BP plan, Renewal of Eating House license up to 5 years, suitable Dustbin in place of metallic sanitary dustbin, (Continued on page 2)



Shri Mahendra Karkera
Vice President, Zone-I

address by Shri Mahendra Karkera host Vice President, Zone-I. Shri Karkera thanked the committee members for electing him as the Vice President of the Zone and assured that he will strive his best to meet the aspirations of the members and the Association.

Approval of the Minutes of the 1st Managing Committee Meeting.

The Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Santosh R Shetty presented the minutes of the 1st Monthly Managing Committee Meeting held on 19.12.2015. The same was unanimously approved.

Proposed by

Shri Kamlakar Shenoy

Seconded by

Shri K. K. Mahale

Approval of accounts for the month of December 2015.

The Hon. Treasurer Shri Shashidhar G Shetty presented the Accounts of AHAR and Performance Bar for the month of December 2015. The same was approved.

Proposed by

Shri Prasanna V Shetty

Seconded by

Shri Shailendra Shetty

The Hon. Treasurer Shashidhar G Shetty informed the house that

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'Timely action'

Smoking area will not be the part of food serving area etc. AHAR expects a favourable response from the authorities in the coming days and get much relief under 'Ease of Doing Business campaign by the Union Govt.'. AHAR will represent to the State Government for a suitable order for repealing of 394 MCGM license.

A collective effort proved to be the only way to get justice once again. After the announcement of the Housing Minister's Amendment to The Maharashtra Rent Control Act, the matter had been withdrawn six months ago due to protest and opposition by AHAR jointly Teaming with FAM, RTWA, Tenants Association. A meeting of the Joint Action Committee held on 18th January 2016 has decided to oppose the amendment and send a resolution to CM to withdraw the same permanently. The joint action committee had also approached MLAs of various political parties for their support against this draconian amendment. The Joint Action Committee is happy to announce that due their strong opposition expressed by the Joint Action Committee, Tenants and the General Public the Honourable Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis has announced that the Rent Control Act will not be amended. It is again a victory for the joint efforts of all Associations. However, the committee will pursue the case further till the tenants get their right of ownership.

A representation was submitted to the State Excise Minister and the Principal Secretary to reduce the FL-III License fees to save the Hospitality Industry. A team of AHAR representatives scheduled to meet with the concerned Minister to pursue various demands.

AHAR President advised the members to apply for the piped gas connection from Mahanagar Gas Limited. The Team from AHAR had two meeting with the General Manager, Commercial of MGL for addressing the grievances of the members. President further said that the application form for piped Gas from Mahanagar Gas is available at AHAR office. He said the bottleneck of providing service of piped gas connection due to MCGM provisions / conditions were reduced to 4 in place of 14, which also reduced the

digging charges.

President clarified that AHAR will not support any illegal matter including use of Awnings or sheds after Monsoon, AHAR will not support.

With regard to the persistent RTI cases, AHAR have written to the Police and MCGM not to divulge any personal information.

Presentation by Vice Presidents

Zone - I

Shri Mahendra Karkera

Our EX VP along with many Hoteliers have got eviction letter from their landlord BPT. Ex VP Shri J. D. Shetty has already filed the relevant reply. In case of such eviction letters the members may contact the VP or Shri J. D. Shetty for guidance.

Zone - II

Shri K. V. Shetty

We had 2 corner meetings imparting latest informations and developments. A police harassment case of Hotel Chapra [Delhi Zaika] was attended and sorted out. Through our intervention and approach all the RCs of the Restaurateurs were renewed on time through our persistent intervention.

Zone - III

Shri Suresh Shetty

We convinced the members against providing free snacks and able to stop it. We have participated in a morcha against Amendment of Rent Control Act in Azad Maidan. We met AMC-F / South and discussed matters of trade refusals lifting of Garbage etc.

Zone - IV

Shri Sunil Shetty

He requested all the tenanted Restaurateurs to come out and support AHAR's fight against Amendment to the Rent Control Act to protect their livelihood.

Zone - V

Shri Ravindranath Nire

So far we have collected membership fees of Rs. 2.60 lakhs, towards the CM's Drought Relief Fund a sum of Rs. 1,75,000/- has been collected and enrolled 17 new members. On 27th January Zone V, VI and VIII jointly convened a meeting with MGL officials to address the grievances of members regarding piped gas and also to facilitate new

connections. He said that local MLA Shri Prakash Phatarpekar also attended the meeting and assured his support to the Hoteliers'.

Zone - VI

Shri Amar Shetty

He thanked all the members for giving an opportunity to serve AHAR and will strive to give the best output.

Zone - VII

Shri Rajan Shetty

We will have a meeting with MGL officials and the members on 3rd February 2016 at Hotel Quesso, Jogeshwari. RTI Activists continue to seek information from Police.

Zone - VIII

Shri Jagdish Shetty

Through Proper intervention and coordination the grievances of the hoteliers with Fire Brigade and renewal of RC matters were solved through proper intervention and coordination.

Zone - IX

Shri Karunakar Shetty

All the RCs were renewed with the minimum requirement of documents.

Zone - X

Shri Prabhakar Shetty

The non renewal of RCs and demanding of additional documents by SI was attended and through intervention of Shri K. V. Shetty the matter was sorted out and the RCs were renewed with minimum documents.

Shri Shashidhar G Shetty

Hon. Treasurer

As a result of the Kinara Hotel fire tragedy and its consequences AHAR approached local MLA Shri Amin Patel to address the matter pertaining to the Mahanagar Gas connections and the grievances thereof. The MLA in turn contacted the Mahanagar Officials and arranged a meeting to discuss the grievances and for new connections. Shri Sanjay Pandita, GM-Marketing along with his officials attended the meeting convened by AHAR. Many of the grievances were discussed and MGL officials assured a proper redressal. Since the MGL officials have to submit the budget for new connections, AHAR President advised the members to apply immediately. The application forms are available at AHAR office.

Shri Santosh R Shetty

Hon. Gen. Secretary

The members are advised to check the expiry date of their FSSAI Licenses and if there is any error get it rectified through the Assistant Commissioner, FDA of their respective Zone.

Read out the appreciation letters from Dr P. S. Hegde, Shri Gopal Moily and Shri Ravikant J Shetty.

Announced that King Fisher Buzz and Repeat Whisky were registered with AHAR. He advised the Permit Room members to support the new Products.

Others

Shri K. K. Mahale

I will work for AHAR in hawker matters till my last breath. All the members should support AHAR.

Shri Prakash C Shetty

Wish to know the status of Laxmi Hotel, Dadar. The president clarified that since the owner of Hotel is confident of getting verdict in his favour, he has opted for the same. We are always there to help him.

Shri Niranjan Shetty

In case the owner of Laxmi Hotel, Dadar, wants to meet any authority figure of MHADA, Niranjan shetty will help in coordinating the meeting

We resolved a problem of Café Shaheen through proper coordination. The Hotel owner had donated Rs. 25,000 as a token of appreciation to AHAR. AHAR thanked him for his contribution.

Shri Vilas Jhaveri

The RTI activists are using police to extort the personal information. We had already met the concerned ACP and appraised them not to divulge any personal information, which otherwise will be used as a tool for extortion. Due to AHAR's efforts MCGM stopped providing personal information of the Restaurateurs. Now the activists are seeking the same information through police. We should approach all ACPs for details of complaints etc. from the regular RTI Activist and approach the police chief

Speech by Advisors

Shri Santosh R Shetty

He briefed how he was able to get the MGL Piped Gas Connection after fighting for almost 3 months. He also thanked Shri Narayana M Alva for the

support in resolving the issue. In the Amendment of Rent Control Act we should go for temporary relief, but strive to get permanent relief and see that the draconian amendment to the Rent Control Act is scrapped. We must get information of RTI activists through RTI application and classify the malafide motives of the activists. We should complain against them with papers gathered to the Police Commissioner, who can initiate action against such activists. We must learn to respect our leaders and any genuine complaints, the hotelier should personally bring the complaints, as he knows the facts better. We must approach the FDA commissioner and pursue him to write to the Government for scrapping 394 License in lieu of the FSSAI. The present team is doing excellent work and the results are in front of us. We need to support the team wholeheartedly.

Shri Narayana M Alva

President has made presentation of the happenings in a very comprehensive way. In RTI matters we must convince the authorities not to divulge any personal information. Due to our proper coordination and follow up MGL has come to our door and we should take benefit from them.

Stall Participants

Hon. Jt. Secretary Shri Vishwapal Shetty introduced the Stall vendors who participated in the meeting and presented them with flower bouquets.

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Condolence

The house paid the condolence for the departed souls.

1. Shri Pratapchandra Shetty, Rahul Fast Food, Mahim expired on 4.1.2016

2. Shri Vittal K Shetty, Hotel Satkar, Wadala expired on 2.1.2016

Vote of Thanks

The Meeting was concluded with Vote of thanks by the Hon. Gen. Secretary Shri Santosh R. Shetty.

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Allow FDI in multi-brand retail for food grown and processed in India: Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Mumbai: In her inaugural address at the seminar on opportunities in the Food Processing Sector, Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Hon'ble Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, said the food processing industry was going to explode in the next few years. The seminar was organized by CII in partnership with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of India as part of the ongoing Make in India week in Mumbai. The Minister released the report on 'Make in



India – Review of Food processing opportunities in India' at the Seminar.

She pointed out that India has the largest raw materials base, food production levels have quadrupled, and we are a food secure country and have the potential to become the food factory for the world. Speaking on the issue of FDI she proposed allowing FDI in multi-brand retail of food grown and processed in India to sell to India and the world. Such FDI will by no means shut down the smaller mom and pop shops. In addition, the wastage of food worth Rs 92,000 crore will be reduced. She believes that this will also help to modernize the Indian farmer with newer and efficient farming technologies. She highlighted recent efforts by the government to encourage greater innovations and enable the ease of doing business through cheaper credit, identifying priority sector lending status for foods grown in India and others.

She said India can take its nascent levels of mere 10% in food processing to the next level of 30%. She also encouraged investors and the Industry to look abroad at the large expat population and the huge opportunities that lie with traditional foods both abroad as well as here. According to her, the 42 proposed food parks will significantly impact food processing levels.

The food processing sector in India contributes as much as 11 per cent and 9 per cent of GDP in Agriculture and Manufacturing sector respectively. It is one of the largest industries in India, ranked fifth in terms of production, consumption, export and expected growth. Also, it is considered having huge potential for elevating agricultural economy, raising farmer's income, generating employment and enhancing forex earnings.

She invited the Industry to come forward and invest with innovative ideas and game changing thoughts to support the larger vision of providing cheap, affordable, healthy and nourishing food to Indians and the world.



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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 1.1.2016 to 30.6.2016.

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	2464.00	2464.00	2464.00
	10164.00	9464.00	8964.00
Payment 70% as per Nagpur HC Interim Order	7114.80	6624.80	6274.80

[Revised Salary as per KGV/Min Wages/Special Allowance/2016-1/Office-10, MWR, 1948 dated 4.2.2016 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,

Hon. Gen. Secretary



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