

Record of discussion in the Open House Meeting held under the Chairmanship of Shri P.S. Raman, Joint Development Commissioner, SEEPZ on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

Attendance :

As per list attached.

At the outset the participants were informed that the objective of the Open House meeting is to ascertain grievances of the SEZ Developers, Co-Developers and Units with regard to various permissions and approvals required from the Office of the Development Commissioner, SEEPZ SEZ and the difficulties, if any, faced by them in respect of approvals/permissions required from any other Government Departments, including State Government and Municipal Corporation, so that such issues can be taken up with the concerned Departments. The suggestions for amendment in the policy can be submitted to the DC's office any time by the units or the Association indicating detailed justifications.

The following issues were discussed :-

1. Letter dated 22-8-2014 of SGJMA:

It was noted that the suggestions made therein are in the nature of Policy amendments. The representative of SGJMA was informed that the suggestions will be taken up with the concerned authorities.

2. E-mail dated 19-8-2014 of Arshiya FTWZ:

It was noted that the suggestions are of Policy nature. The representative was informed that the same will be processed in file for taking up with the appropriate authority.

3. E-mail dated 19-8-2014 from Serum Institute of India Ltd. :

The representative of the unit said that –

- (i) Disposal of matters need to be time bound
- (ii) The intimation to unit regarding the UAC meeting is received late.
- (iii) The decision taken in the UAC meeting is not reflected in the Minutes i.e. the unit had applied for 8 Services, whereas approval reflected in Minutes was only of three services and there was no mention as to why the other services were not approved.
- (iv) Video Conferencing facility may be set up so that units need not travel for attending the UAC meetings.
- (v) Minutes of the Open House meeting should be hosted on website of SEEPZ SEZ.

As regards (i) above, it was informed that by and large, if the application is in order, disposal is effected in a time bound manner. Further, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry has also recently prescribed a time line for disposal of matters, which is hosted on SEEPZ SEZ website and also displayed at the entrance of the Building. Efforts will be made to adhere to the same.

As regards (ii) above, it was informed that normally intimation is given well in time to the unit concerned, regarding UAC meeting. Any specific case of delay, the same can be looked into.

As regards (iii) above, it was informed that the Agenda items of the UAC are discussed in the meeting in the presence of the representative(s) of the concerned unit/developer/co-developer as the case may be. As far as approval of services is concerned, the UAC has delegated powers for approval of services in the default list approved by the Department of Commerce, to the D.C. Accordingly, services applied for, which are appearing in the default list, are approved in file. Services applied for other than those in the default list, are discussed in the UAC. Wherever the approval of services sought is of general nature, the applicant is advised to submit specific nature of services required for consideration of the UAC. In the Minutes, the approved services are reflected. Therefore, the concerned unit is aware of the reasons as to why the services not reflected in the minutes were not granted, as these were part of the discussion in the UAC. The unit can come up with specific nature of services so that the same can be approved by the UAC.

As regards (iv) above, it was informed that the suggestion has been noted.

As regards (v), it was informed that the Minutes would be hosted on website.

4. M/s. Euroshine Jewellery, SEEPZ SEZ : The representative of the unit informed that the gate pass penalty amount should be reduced.

It was informed that this is a general issue for some of the SEEPZ units and that existing penalty amount has been fixed after due deliberations.

5. The other issues in the Open House were the following :-

- (i) Mr. Ratan Mundra, representing few units located in Hinjewadi SEZ stated that as per Rule 11 of the SEZ Rules, a unit is required to submit copy of registered lease deed to the DC within six months from the date of LOA. There may be many Units who have not complied with this. Whether this is monitored strictly ?

It was clarified that submission of lease deed as per the above provision is a mandatory requirement and need to be complied by all units. In case, a Unit is not able to comply with this within the prescribed time limit for valid reasons, the unit is required to seek extension from the Development Commissioner, specifying the reason(s).

- (ii) Mr. Sittrasu, representing MADDC, Nagpur, stated that it may be desirable to hold UAC meetings at least alternatively at Mihan SEZ which will be convenient to the Developer and units.

It was clarified that the Development Commissioner had observed recently that occasionally UAC meeting will be held outside headquarters for the convenience of the trade. The request would be accordingly considered.

- (iii) Trading activity in Gems & Jewellery need to be restored :

It was clarified that as per the existing regulations only inter unit transfer of precious metal and precious stones is permitted as per the

decision of the Department of Commerce. This decision is taken into account on various representations made by the Industry in the matter from time to time.

- (iv) NSDL charges are very high :

It was pointed out that this issue has been discussed in several meetings. It is a matter to be decided by the Ministry.

- (v) Time limit for submission of APR should be extended to 180 days :

This issue has already been taken up with the Ministry.

- (vi) Mr. Soman of M/s. Sigma stated that they have been submitting QPR and APR regularly. However, they have received an SCN for non-submission of APR/QPR. He said that they have acknowledgement of APR/QPR already submitted.

It was informed that the matter will be looked into and if the APR/QPR have already been submitted, the SCN will be dropped.

- (vii) CDP India Pvt.Ltd. informed that for filing of APR online, they have not received training.

It was informed that they can contact NSDL for assistance.

- (viii) Intimation regarding Open House is received late.

It was informed that intimation will be sent through e-mail to ensure timely receipt.



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