

CII interactive session comes up with concrete recommendations



An Interactive Session was organized with Prof. Mihir Kanti Deb, Chairman, Tripura State Pollution Control Board recently at the Bodhjungnagar Industrial Growth Centre in Agartala. The primary objective behind organizing the interactive session was to resolve issues of pollution by some of the rubber based industries at Bodhjungnagar Industrial Growth Centre. Tripura has made huge strides in rubber and is the second largest rubber producing State in the country. As many as 3 units have started

operations at the Bodhjungnagar. The State Government is already setting up a Rubber Park at Bodhjungnagar to promote rubber industries in the State.

However, it has been observed that absence of proper effluent treatment plant and absence of a designated site for sewage disposal have been causing pollution at the Industrial Estate. With strict pollution control norms and constant checks, an efficient effluent treatment plant is necessary for the smooth running of the industrial units at Bodhjungnagar, more so with the constant demand for space by industrial houses. The Interactive Session was chaired by Mr Pabitra Kar, Chairman, Tripura Industrial Development Corporation. Besides, Prof. Mihir Kanti Deb, Chairman, Tripura State Pollution Control Board, the Interactive Session was also attended by Mr P. K. Maiti, Consultant (Effluent Treatment Plant), Zen Marketing and Technologies, Kolkata. As many as 15 entrepreneurs of Bodhjungnagar Industrial Growth Centre participated in the Interactive Session. Two officials from Department of Health Services and Family Welfare, Dr. N. Darlong and Dr. Sanjit Deb were also present to discuss about the impact of pollution on the health and also to discuss about the possibilities of setting up a 24x7 clinic at the Industrial Area.

Some of the recommendations of the Interactive Session include;

- The State Government would set up a common effluent treatment plant (CETP) to curb pollution at the Rubber Park;
- TIDC and ILFS would float a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to run the CETP;
- A site may be identified for disposal of rubber waste;
- Industrial units having their own effluent treatment plant must check that the plant is running efficiently and strictly adhere to pollution control board norms;
- A team comprising of officials from TIDC, ILFS and few entrepreneurs to visit Kerala to see the functioning of the Rubber Park, the effluent treatment plant and the sewage disposal sites;
- Design changes of the effluent treatment plant may be discussed after the visit to Kerala;