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Minutes of the 7th Executive Committee Meeting for the term 2021-2023 was held on 9th July, 2022 on digital platform.

A) Members Present

Sr.No.	Office Bearers	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. Shankar Shinde - Chairman	Nashik CHA Association	07/07
2	Mr. A.V.Vijayakumar - I.P.Chairman	FFFAI	07/07
3	Mr. Dushyant Mulani - Chairman Elect	Brihanmumbai CB Association	06/07
4	Mr. S.Nataraja - Vice Chairman	Chennai CHA Association	07/07
5	Mr. Amit Kamat - Vice Chairma	Gao CB Association	06/07
6	Mr. Sudip Dey - Vice Chairman	Calcutta CHA Association	07/07
7	Mr. Kartik A Pancholi - Vice Chairman	Ahmedabad CB Association	06/07
8	Mr. Vinod Sharma -Honorary Secretary	Pune CHA Association	07/07
9	Mr. Sudhir Agarwal - Honorary Treasurer	Nagpur CHA Association	07/07
	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
10	Dr. Darshan Mashroo	Ahmedabad CB Association	05/07
11	Mr. B.N.Rajmoghon	Association of CHA - Thiruvananthapuram	06/07
12	Mr. Girish Narayan	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	05/07
13	Mr. Vinayak Aparaj	Brihanmumbai CB Association	04/07
14	Mr. Paresh Thakkar	Brihanmumbai CB Association	04/07
15	Mr. Hiren Ruparel	Brihanmumbai CB Association	03/07
16	Mr. R N Sekar	Chennai CHA Association	07/07
17	Mr. Divakaran P Nair	Chennai CHA Association	07/07
18	Mr. Vishal Dadha	Chennai CHA Association	06/07
19	Mr. S Balaji	Chennai CHA Association	07/07
20	Mr. C.B.Bujangaram	Chennai CHA Association	05/07
21	Mr. Adil Khan	CB Association Hyderabad	04/07
22	Mr. Amit Kumar Jain	Indore CHA Association	03/07
23	Mr. Mandava Satyanaryana	The Kakinada CB Associationn	04/07
24	Mr. Dinesh Gupta	Kandla CB Association	03/07
25	Mr. Philip C C	Mangalore CHA Association	03/07
26	Mr.Prasad S.Auguri	Nagpur CHA Association	03/07
27	Mr. Kiran D. Nagare	Nashik CHA Association	03/07
28	Mr. R.K.Mehrotra	Noida Custom Brokers Association	03/07
29	Mr. Pradeep Kale	Pune CHA Association	05/07
30	Mr. Rajdeepak Bhargava	Pune CHA Association	04/07

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31	Mr. L Cecil Machado	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	06/07
32	Mr. A.S. Ramaswamy	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	07/07
33	Mr. J.Pinto Villavarayar	Tuticorin Customs Broker's Assn	06/07
34	Mr. G .Sambasiva Rao	Visakhapatnam CB Association	05/07
35	Mr. Rolland Williams	Visakhapatnam Association	02/07
36	Mr. Sujit Chakroborty	West Bengal CHA Society	03/07
	Nominee of Associate Members	Port	Attendance
37	Mr. C.S. Nagendra Prasd	Bangalore	05/07
38	Mr. Balu S Govindrajan	Chennai	05/07
39	Mr. R. Kumar	Chennai	07/07
40	Mr. T.V.Gopu	Chennai	07/07
41	Mr. M.A.Zahir Hussan	Chennai	05/07
42	Mr. Vijay Kumar Damodaran	Chennai	04/07
43	Mr. Ganpat P.Korade	Mumbai	06/07
44	Mr. Maruti R.Gadge	Mumbai	05/07
45	Mr. Karan Kiran Rambhia	Mumbai	05/07
46	Mr. Puneet Jain	New Delhi	05/07
47	Mr. Palvinder Singh	New Delhi	06/07
48	Mr. Vaneet Aggarwal	New Delhi	06/07
49	Mr. K.Suresh Kumar	Trivandrum	04/07
50	Mr. C. Karthikeya Prabu	Tuticorin	05/07
	Advisors		Attendance
51	Mr. Samir J Shah	FFFAI	06/07
52	Mr. S.Ramakrishna	FFFAI	06/07
	INVITEES		
53	Mr. M Venu Gopal -President	Visakhapatnam CB Association	
54	Mrs. Philomena Pereira	FFFAI (Women Wings)	
B)	Member Not Present -Request for leave of absence received		
	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
1	Mr. Rajesh Verma - Vice Chairman	Ludhiana CHA Association	04/07
2	Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	Aurangabad CHA Association	01/07
3	Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya	Indore CHA Association	01/07
4	Mr. Vipin Vohra	Noida Custom Brokers Association	02/07





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S.No	Executive Committee Members	Representing Association	Attendance
C)	Member Not Present -Request for leave of absence Not received		
1	Mr. Shashidhar V Hebbar - Vice Chairman	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	04/07
2	Mr. Devang A.Joshi	Ahmedabad CB Association	03/07
3	Mr. Roopesh Kumar N	Bangalore CHA Association Ltd	03/07
4	Mr. R.Suresh Kumar	Association of CHA - Thiruvananthapuram	02/07
5	Mr. Kiran Rambhia	Brihanmumbai CB Association	04/07
6	Mr. Nirav Thakker	Brihanmumbai CB Association	05/07
7	Mr. Mannu Choudhary	Calcutta CHA Association	02/07
8	Mr. Basanta Basu	Calcutta CHA Association	02/07
9	Mr. Alan Jose	Cochin CB Association	01/07
10	Mr. V. S. Pradep	Cochin CB Association	02/07
11	Mr. Suraj Muraleedharan	Cochin CB Association	01/07
12	Mr. P.S.Raj Kumar	CB Association Hyderabad	02/07
13	Mr. T Abhimanyu	CB Association Hyderabad	01/07
14	Mr. R Rajesh Kumar	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	03/07
15	Mr. Dileep T. Abraham	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	02/07
16	Mr. G.A.Kalyana Moorthy	Coimbatore CH & SA Association	03/07
17	Mr. Bhim Singh Jain	Delhi CB Association	02/07
18	Mr. Kailash Gupta	Delhi CB Association	01/07
19	Mr. Devendra Singh Bhadoria	Delhi CB Association	03/07
20	Mr. Vikrant Gogia	Delhi CB Association	04/07
21	Mr. Rajender Kumar Goyal	Delhi CB Association	01/07
22	Mr. J. A. D'souza	Goa CB Association	01/07
23	Mr. Sreeram Bhagawathi	The Kakinada CB Association	03/07
24	Mr. Hemchandra Yadav	Kandla CB Association	01/07
25	Mr. Dhiren Chhaya	Kandla CB Association	02/07
26	Mr. Amit Khanna	Kanpur CB Association	02/07
27	Mr. Vinod Kumar Mehrotra	Kanpur CB Association	02/07
28	Mr. Narinder M Prabhakar	Ludhiana CHA Association	02/07
29	Mr. Avtar Singh	Ludhiana CHA Association	02/07
30	Mr. Shareef M	Mangalore CHA Association	02/07
31	Mr. Manoj Kotak	Mundra CB Association	03/07
32	Mr. Pramod Soneta	Mundra CB Association	03/07
33	Mr. T.V.Sujan	Mundra CB Association	03/07
34	Mr. Pankaj Lodaya	Pipavav Customs Broker's Assn	01/07





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35	Mr.Chirag Shah	Pipavav Customs Broker's Assn	01/07
36	Mr. Arun Sharma	Rajasthan CHA Association	01/07
37	Mr. Jagvir Singh	Rajasthan CHA Association	02/07
38	Mr. Sunil Sharma	Rajasthan CHA Association	01/07
39	Mr. KRB Prakash	Visakhapatnam CB Association	03/07
40	Mr. Shankar Prasad Verma	West Bengal CHA Society	00/07
41	Mr. Subhash Chandra Ghosh	West Bengal CHA Society	02/07
	Nominee of Associate Members	Port	Attendance
42	Mr. Belli Gowda	Bangalore	04/07
43	Mr. Chandrachi B.R.	Bangalore	02/07
44	Mr. S. Padmanbhan	Chennai	02/07
45	Mr. Mohamed Amzad GMR	Chennai	03/07
46	Mr. Thomas Alan	Cochin	01/07
47	Mr. Syed Jameel Uddin	Hyderabad	01/07
48	Mr. V.R.R Bhagawathi	Kakinada	02/07
49	Mr.Tej Mayur Contractor	Mumbai	06/07
50	Mr. Sohel Kazani	Mumbai	01/07
51	Mr. Jogesh Sethi	New Delhi	03/07
52	Capt. Ashish Samarth	Pune	02/07
53	Mr. Chirag Vinod Sharma	Pune	01/07
54	Mr. M. Vijay Raghavan	Tuticorin	03/07
55	Mr. R.Sreedhar	Tuticorin	01/07
56	Mr. P.Jeyanth Thomas	Tuticorin	03/07
57	Mr. J. Manikandan	Tuticorin	03/07
58	Mr. S.Sasikumar	Tuticorin	01/07

Agenda point No :1 Meeting Call to an order by Hon. Secretary. Welcome Address by Chairman – FFFAI.

Honorary Secretary Mr. Vinod Sharma welcomed all the Office Bearers, Executive Committee Members and Board of Advisors for the 7th Executive Committee Meeting held on digital platform. He requested Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde to start the proceedings of the meeting.

Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde before starting the proceeding of the meeting read out Anti-Trust statement **(Annexure A)**

Chairman thanked Hon. Secretary and welcomed all the Executive Committee members for the 7th Executive Committee Meeting held on digital platform. He further informed the house that this is the 1st time FFFAI EC meeting is being held from Conference Room of FFFAI head office at Chembur. He invited each and every Executive Committee member to visit FFFAI office which has been newly renovated. He further informed that if any Association would like to organize zoom virtual meeting can make use of this facility available at FFFAI Office.





Agenda Point No 2 : To note and grant leave of absence.

Mr. Vinod Sharma informed that a few Executive Committee members had request for leave of absence. He sought permission of the house to grant leave of absence to those who had requested.

Mr. Rajesh Verma - Vice Chairman	Ludhiana CHA Association
Mr. Sailesh Bhatia	Aurangabad CHA Association
Mr. Anurag Vijayvargiya	Indore CHA Association
Mr. Vipin Vohra	Noida Custom Brokers Association

The house unanimously approved to grant leave of absence to the members who have sought for.

Agenda Point No 3 : To confirm the minutes of the 6 EC meeting held on 27th & 28th

Chairman informed the house that this minutes were lately delivered on email and it is very difficult for everyone to go into the detailing of the minutes. He further stated that we hardly had 1 month and the secretariat staff was busy in preparation for the Convention. However the secretariat was able to complete it and send it on email. We will take the cognizance of it. If there are any observation in the minutes, the same will be considered to amend accordingly basis any observation received from the members present. He further stated that if the house approves the minutes, we will take it further.

Mr. Puneet Jain agreed on same stating as mentioned by Chairman we can consider acceptance of minutes and proposed it to be approved.

The minutes of the meeting was unanimously approved. Chairman and Hon Secretary thanked the house for approving the minutes.

Agenda Point No 4 : To report and discuss action arising out of the minutes of 6 EC meeting.

Honorary Secretary informed that we had one point of Pune Customs House Agent's Association, Mr. Pradeep Kale said about the Bond which has to be submitted for re-export if they have not exported within 6 month. He informed the house that this point is closed. He further stated that there are no other points arising out of the minutes.

Chairman informed that there are many action arising points. He referred to Mr. Puneet Jain's point regarding what is the federation stand with regards to the local membership of Association. He further informed the house that all are in receipt of Notification No 52/2022 and with Chairman Elect in charge of Customs and also the team of Office Bearers who have worked hard for this, during last meeting Chairman Elect had given assurance which had been minuted in the minutes also that FFFAI is working on it and shortly we will get the results. We now are with the result in period of 1(One) month time. It's a wonderful achievement and Chairman congratulated all Executive Committee members and thanked all office bearers, Mr. A.V. Vijaykumar, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Customs team, EDI team under Mr. Nataraja , the CBLR team under Mr. Karthik Pancholi and that the whole team is working actively to get results. I am very fortunate to have a strong team who are in sync and also knows what the EC members expectations. He further





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requested Mr. Dushyant Mulani to brief on this Notification No 52/2022 and what is the expectation out of this notification that we should take it forward.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani greeted the Chairman, Secretary and all EC members and Past Presidents. He further stated that it is nice to see the Chairman in the Conference Room and it is giving a very nice image to our organization and any organization respectability emerges from the work that has been done for its members. Most importantly the work which had started, Each and every Association is the pillar of FFFAI and taking care of their existence and their entire wellbeing their ability to serve their members in all corners is very important for all of us. We are happy to say that under the guidance of our Chairman, Immediate Past Chairman, Mr. Vijay Kumar Ji, and our Advisor Shri S Ramakrishna Ji for many times visited to CBIC, pursuing, requesting to issue this particular Notification for sake of our Associations. Point here is not only to strengthen each and every member Association but each and every member of FFFAI, Also creating a safe working environment in the entire sector that we operate in, because respectability of our profession comes from our good deeds that we do for our members and skill development that we do. The idea is that at each and every location where the CB is working should be part of that activity of the local association, skill development programs, training, because that is going to enhance our professionalism and nobody will ever dare to talk about a CB in terms of a middle man. We are serving in a very dignified profession and with all pride and honor we will create a good working environment and be a strong force, a cohesive force of FFFAI. That was the idea and it is upto all location Associations now to carry out a KYC of their members, keep their records clear, ensure that verification of identity vide Notification 41/2021 – NT is already there which is mandating all of us to do that. Very shortly as a Skill Development initiative of Govt of India, training of certain areas is going to be mandatory and it is on the subject of our Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde, Mr. Vijaykumar Ji and Mr. Ramakrishna Ji who have been pursuing this for a long time and I must say that under FFFAI, is doing a remarkable job. We need to strengthen this and take this ahead and all those present here can share their views. Subsequently during that particular point when we come up across I will share my view to strengthen FFFAI.

Chairman thanked Mr. Dushyant Mulani for great efforts taken by him and the team and we really appreciate and I think that it is not easy we speak and it happens. It's a long process. He further requested Mr. S. Ramakrishna Ji and Mr. .A.V. Vijayakumar Ji to share their experience.

Mr Ramakrishnan informed that the Chairman rightly pointed out that we start it and we get it. This was an initiative which was taken under the Chairmanship of Mr. Samir Shah and then Joint Secretary Mr. Satya Srinivas had initiated it. After that it had taken almost 4 years for this to get fructified. So it is very important that if a good deed is started in the right earnest method, after that Mr. Vijaykumar pursued it and that I had coming in and now you are there. He further stated that under the Chairmanship of Mr. Shankar Shinde, lot of good things are happening and I wish you that more and more good things happen and it will be good of you to hold the chair with lot of bouquets.

Chairman thanked Mr. Ramakrishnan and informed that there were other initiative also which were taken but this particular Notification is the initiative started after the demand where there was disturbance when there were different stands taken by commissionerates with public notices being issued and then we had to take up strongly with CBIC and Board to have the clarifications. Earlier this was not there so we did not have any problem but later on when we had the conflict of Notifications and Public Notices from various stations, so we had to initiate this matter with Board and during this time it was good efforts by you, Mr. Dushyant Mulani, Mr. Vijayakumar Ji and team to have this done during this time and it is really

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appreciated. There are other initiatives which had been taken earlier which are in process and will take time to get it done, however the issues depending upon the gravity of issues will be addressed on priority ,we will always escalate that to take it up first and we will surely try to keep follow up to achieve our results. He further informed Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar to share his experience.

Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar informed that from the beginning I was telling about getting any clarification any amendment regarding any Notification issued by the Board is a very tough job. We have to approach the Board before implementation of any new policies / procedures for getting the thing implemented in the Notification. Same way any amendment in the CBLR, even if we give our representation, they have to get clarification from their legal team. One small request to all our members is that any new thing coming to CBIC, we have to apply our mind and reply to that Notification. This Notification is really a good achievement.

Chairman thanked Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar and congratulated all EC members for support and timely inputs from various station because this will help us to get clarification from the Board. He further informed that lets not stop over here, with this Notification we should be able to achieve a lot. One thing I would request all the Associations to write letters to respective Commissionerates for issuance of local PN with regard to compulsion membership of the local Association and at the same time our expectation is that with this Notification when we go to speak with Govt. Authorities we always speak about our membership number which is the strength of the Association. My request is that all the members who are coming for membership of Association should ensure that the application form of the local Association also includes the membership of FFFAI so that by default they become member of FFFAI also and let us share the data from with each other as to how many are non-members of FFFAI which will really help us and that will show our actual strength irrespective whether he is original licensee holder at the parent station or add on because for addon membership of we have least price. Today if you see for allied membership we get Rs 45,000/- and they are still becoming FFFAI member and what is the price for our membership, we are only asking Rs, 2500/- annually and for add on member it is Rs.1250/- +GST. So it is 50 % of the parent membership and we do provide the service to all their offices because at single time the information goes to branches also and FFFAI is sending this across. IN addition we provide annual calendars which are worth @Rs.450/-+ informative pocket diary and other regular services, hence let us see how we can strengthen this FFFAI fraternity i.e. all our CB on the board that will be the strength of our fraternity. So I appeal once again, all the Associations to take the cognizance. Also your feedback would be appreciated about benefits from this Notification so that it can be in the record to take it forward. So please respond on this Notification which will also motivate the future team to take new initiatives in representing the matters.

Mr Kartik Pancholi stated that he would like to salute the efforts made by Chairman, Past Chairman and Chairman Elect for bringing this Notification. Yes it took time but justice came out. Now the thing is I also appreciate few Associations those who have raised points related to this that helped FFFAI to get this Notification as soon as possible. At the same time I request once again to the entire house that go through the CBLR each regulation and suggest what kind of amendment you are looking for. So after compilation of these suggestions we can move forward to CBIC for further amendment if it is required. At the same time since we are discussing CBLR if there is any case matter please bring it to the notice of the Secretariat of FFFAI. Thank you and congratulations to the entire house.





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Chairman thanked Mr. Kartik Pancholi and informed that we will send all the letters from all the Associations with regards to this Notification so that we can get more inputs to take it forward so as it to know the next step to help in working towards betterment of fraternity. With this we end this action point.

Chairman further stated that there was one other point regarding BIS / SIMS registration and briefed the house on the SIMS registration. Earlier we used to face challenges and it was a challenge for our fraternity because after arrival of the goods, they used to get hold. Customs used to adjudicate all such cases. We had an opportunity during our visit to Ministry of Commerce, Delhi and met DG DGFT Mr Santosh Sarangi. we raised 2- 3 points during the meeting and we were surprised to get a fast response by way of Notification and informed Mr. Vijayakumar to update on the meeting.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar informed that we had a meeting with Ministry of Commerce and DG DGFT. In that meeting we discussed about issues faced by our members regarding SIMS registration and other issue. DGFT has issued Circular regarding Steel imports but unfortunately Customs started adjudicating even though registered but the time frame not before 70 days and not later than 15 days prior to vessel arrival. We found lot of members are facing issues and Mumbai started adjudicating the cases and then it started at other locations also. We explained very clearly that it is just a monitoring system and that there is no revenue loss and please allow us to do the registration before releasing the goods from Customs. DGFT asked as why FFFAI is taking this issue and why not trade Association. We informed DGFT that major activities are carried out by CB and delays in clearance and losing lot of money. DGFT informed that this time frame was given from the Steel Ministry. DG DGFT told his ADG to call for a meeting with Steel Ministry and issue the clarification. He appreciated DG DGFT and within a week he issued a clarification. He further requested Chairman to send a thanks letter to DGFT for issuing this clarification.

Chairman appreciated the proactiveness of the Govt. of India and was surprised with their immediate action as issued the clarification. He further requested Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar to brief the house regarding LEO.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar informed that there is a long standing issue we have made lot of representation to the Board for the amendment, LEO and EGM filling. We represented to DGFT regarding Post Shipment activities are affected because of this. DGFT informed that they will be having a discussion with CBIC and make required arrangement. We have to continuously represent and involve DGFT also to get that amended. We highlighted all the issues with DGFT and they have informed us that they will discuss jointly with CBIC.

Chairman thanked Mr. A.V. Vijayakumar. He further stated that the problem is mainly with the Banking sectors, the DGFT or RBI don't accept the manual amendments/certificates, where Customs has the provisions but DGFT is not allowing and accepting those amendments online which is creating a challenge. So DGFT will also check from their side how they can accept the amendments online so that the licenses can be updated from that prospective. Chairman requested all the members to share their inputs as to what type of amendments they are seeking and we can take it with DGFT.

Honorary Secretary stated that this would be a big achievement if we can get this clarification from CBIC regarding acceptance of Manual amendment certificates to get incentives. We have been receiving complaints from members regarding IGST refund which is stuck up because DGFT not accepting Manual Amendment certificates issued by Customs.





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Mr. A. S. Ramaswamy stated that apart from this there is one more issue of reflection of SB in ROTDEP ledger and nobody is able to view that and there is no mechanism to find where the SB error is there. This issue has already been addressed at Zonal level.

Chairman informed to share that letter which is being given to Commissioners and we will surely take it ahead. He further stated that this issue was taken up in the JN Customs CCFC meeting and requested Mr. Dushyant Mulani or Mr. Paresh Thakkar to brief on the same as this issue is also being faced at JN Customs.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani stated that if you see initial CBIC Circular for ROTDEP. He invited Mr. Ganpat Korde to brief the house. Mr. Ganpat Korde briefed the house that amendment prior to arrival of the vessel, is not allowed by the system. JNCH is reviewing this point with CBIC

Chairman informed Mr. Ganpat Korde that we are discussing issues faced in exports. He further stated that there is lot of pendency and the incentives are getting stuck and amount not getting credited. He informed Mr Ramaswamy to share the letter and we will take it up also giving reference of JNCH CCFC meeting discussion.

Agenda Point No. 7 . **Presentation by Secretariat Report :**

Honorary Secretary informed that this meeting is being specially called for FFFAI Convention. There is one announcement.

Goa Custom Brokers Association had their AGM on 29.6.2022 and the new Managing committee members who have been elected for the terms 2022 – 24.

He declared the names of the new Office Bearers of the Goa Custom Brokers Association and he Congratulate all the new OBs.

Name	Designation
Mr. Kaustubh K. Kamat	President
Mr. Mahesh Prabhu	Vice President
Mr. Amit V. Kamat	Honorary Secretary
Mr. Mahesh Naik	Honorary Treasurer
Mr. Mario Leitao	Managing Committee Member
Mr. Malcolm D'Souza	Managing Committee Member
Mr. Raj Lotlikar	Managing Committee Member
Mr. Raghoba Kotkar	Managing Committee Member
Mr. J.A. D'Souza	Immediate Past President

Chairman congratulated all the newly elected Office Bearers of Goa Custom Brokers Association and look forward for their active participation in FFFAI.

Hon. Secretary further informed the house regarding few of the Office Bearers who attended other meetings with stakeholders. Further he informed the house about the various representations being made by FFFAI to CBIC, DGFT and others.





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Chairman informed the house that the minutes of the various meeting have already been shared with all members. He further stated that there are more meetings and less manpower and requested EC members to participate in such meetings so that we can nominate max EC members to all such meeting.

The house passed the secretary report unanimously.

Agenda No. 8 : **To ratify Membership Applications approved in the Office Bearers Meeting. :**

Honorary Secretary informed that we have received 39 applications for Associate members. The list of application received is displayed on our screen for the reference of all EC members during the meeting.

Chairman thanked all members for putting in their efforts for making Associated members of FFFAI. He further informed that this is a record for the FFFAI regarding number of applications being received in a period of 1 month.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani thanked the Chairman and each and every member of the EC and President of all Associations. He further stated that this clearly shows value addition services being provided , the support FFFAI is giving to its members, activities being organized. He further thanked all the seniors who have guided us for giving something to CB and inclusive suggestions from all will help to strengthen FFFAI into a largest logistics Association not only in the country but across the globe.

Chairman informed the house regarding new initiatives and responsibilities because members have shown trust, faith and confidence in the FFFAI team, so this comes with greater responsibility and we have to do lot for our members. Appealed all EC members to work for FFFAI fraternity.

Honorary Secretary informed about the 63 New Application received from Allied members and 39 Associate members and requested the house to approve the membership.

Chairman informed that this is a great achievement and a record breaking number for application being received in one single month and that also for Allied membership who do not have voting rights and limited services. The amount of membership which comes under Allied members is Rs. 45,000/-, in spite of this they have shown trust and faith in FFFAI which is really a good thing and really thanked the whole team and the membership committee. So let us keep this service to the industry and let us keep the FFFAI Flag scaling higher and higher. Informed that a Congratulation letter and welcome letter be sent to all the new members of FFFAI.

Honorary Secretary stated that Chairman informed about how to increase the Associate members with help of Member Association. He suggested that whenever a member approaches for becoming a local association members, then request him to also become a member of FFFAI. So with the support of all Association, we can get more Associate members also.

Chairman informed the house that we can make it compulsory to become a member of FFFAI to strengthen FFFAI and our member Association should take it ahead.

Mr. Cecil Machado informed that he needs a clarity on the membership fees to be collected as we have objection in Tuticorin where we are paying membership fee for a parallel company in Chennai, Mumbai and other places. Why are you again collecting FFFAI membership fees from all the locations as we have already paid it from the Head branch? So need clarity on this.





Chairman informed that to strengthen the organization and for service of FFFAI for all the locations, if we are registering the other branches, even we are providing the services. There may be Directors sitting across in different branches and even they become part of the FFFAI communication. So even if one communication is sent to one office, it also is sent to all other registered offices. But in spite of this we do not charge the full charge of the 1st parent registration. We only charge 50 % of that and I don't think Rs 1250/- is objectionable for any branch to pay to FFFAI where we have allied membership paying Rs.45,000/- for the membership. So the service what we are giving by getting them on the board I don't think that should be objectionable as it is a nominal amount and not a point of discussion in the EC meeting. The same is mentioned in the FFFAI constitution and so let us continue that because that is what keeps us in touch and showcases our strength to the govt agencies and the Associations also.

With this the point for Secretariat Report was closed.

Agenda Point No. 12 To update the members about the 24th Biennial Convention to be held at Chennai:

Chairman requested Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar to update for the Convention.

Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar thanked all the Presidents and all the Office Bearers and EC members of FFFAI for the overwhelming response for our 24th Biennial Convention. We kept a target of 450 participants. 350 Resident delegates plus 100 nonresident delegates. We crossed what we expected. He further briefed the house regarding arrangements at the Hotel. The Office Bearers had an OB meeting in the last month at the Venue to oversee the arrangement and how we have to plan our stage, meeting sessions, registration counters etc. As far as the venue is concerned, all things are in place. We planned around 200 Rooms, and now it is difficult to book further rooms in this hotel.

1st Point is about Delegate Registration :

We are in a very comfortable position. We are planning to close our Delegate Registration on 15th July and requested those participant who have still not registered to get themselves registered before 15th July, 2022. After that we will only admit by way of Invitation. He further stated that 2 Associations there is still not any registration received. One is Kanpur and other is Rajasthan Association. Requested Chairman to kindly have a word with both the Associations and get them registered as soon as possible. Mr. Ramakrishna Ji assured the house that he will speak to Kanpur CB Association

2nd Point was regarding Sponsorship.

We are close to our target. We are not closing this sponsorship opportunity. Will be continued till 10.8.2022. We sold majority of our sponsorship . Like our Lead sponsorship, Platinum, Gold, Silver. For Gold and Silver we have 2 – 3. For Platinum we are accepting only 1 sponsorship and in the pipeline we have some more sponsors. We have approached the manufacturing industry, Ports etc. and we are following it up for that. As of now we are in a comfortable position but whatever the addons will be in our kitty so please try whatever way possible, try to get more sponsorship. He then appreciated Mumbai Association, Chennai and Bangalore and Delhi and few other. Requested others to collect more sponsorship.





3rd Point was about Advertisement.

We kept a huge target and we are not even 50 %. We want to release this souvenir on the inaugural day itself and subsequently add on convention program and distribute to all the members. We want to close the Advertisement latest by 25th July 2022, otherwise we cannot print the souvenir and make it ready. So I request all the Association to support FFFAI with some advertisement which would be a great help to our team. He further informed all those who have given advertisement to provide the printing material, logo etc. to FFFAI immediately.

4th Point was regarding Event Management.

Thanked the whole team for arranging the same.

Next Point was regarding B2B meetings.

We are discussing with the Software provider and the Event management team to make the arrangement. The mobile app would be launched as early as possible and share all the details to all the registered delegates about all the programmes of the convention. Very important part is the Business Sessions. The details regarding Business Sessions will be shared by 20th July, 2022.

He further briefed the house regarding the structure of Convention 2022. He further informed the house that we have good number of sponsors. All details will be shared to delegates as well through mobile app. A helpdesk will also be created. He further called for any suggestions or improvements which are needed from the house.

Requested all the President of All Associations to give an Advertisement in the Souvenir.

Requested all delegates to share their travel plan in advance for arranging pick up and drop. Helpdesk Arrangement is also done inside the Chennai Airport itself for smooth transportation of our delegates.

He further informed the house that we have contacted many of the Ministers for commerce as guest for our Convention. Also contacted PMO office for Prime Minister's visit to FFFAI Convention. Visited personally with Chairman to the MOC and explained the importance of our Convention. Plan B and Plan C is also in place if the ministers don't visit.

Chairman welcomed Advisor Mr. Samir Shah to the EC meeting. He further informed that because of advance software in place, we could plan accordingly for the forthcoming convention. He also informed about the FFFAI App for the convention and its features.

He further requested all the Presidents to put up an Advertisement in the souvenir. He further stated that in future we can bear the cost of convention on our own rather than asking for Advertisement, Sponsorship from outside. He suggested if each EC members contributes willingly, then FFFAI can on its own bear the cost of convention in the coming future.

He further told the house about the importance of Pocket Directory of FFFAI and its uses and told all EC members to kindly advertise in the souvenir for the convention.





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He further briefed about the requests being sent to all the Ministers and PMO to join the convention.

Mr. Samir Shah thanked all the EC members for the nice arrangements which have been made for the Convention. He further informed that he will arrange representation from Kanpur and Rajasthan so that none of the city is left out and congratulated all the EC members.

Chairman thanked Mr. Samir Shah and stated that he is not only the advisor but also guiding force for all from time to time and requested all to get registered for the convention before 15.7.2022. Further he also informed all EC members to share the convention details on social media to all members and service providers. He further stated that with support of all we can make this convention a grand success.

Mr, Venugopal, Representative of Vishakhapatnam Custom Brokers Association requested to invite the CBIC Board Chairman and Customs Officials for the Convention as we can discuss with them about some of the long pending issues of our Fraternity.

Mr. Vijayakumar informed that we are in dialogue with CBIC Chairman and members of the Board and also Customs officials, Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Ports etc. He further informed that we are definitely inviting Chennai Port Chairman and GATI SHAKTI AND LOGISTICS DEVELOPMENT is the main feature of our Convention and Logistics Secretary will be a part of the convention.

Mr. Puneet Jain informed that there were 2 queries, one was on the name of the Dignitaries and 2nd is on the TDS for this convention, advertisement and sponsorship matters.

Mr. Vijayakumar informed that we are not inviting any Politicians. Only Ministers are being invited who are related to our Industry. As far as TDS is concerned, you can deduct 2 % TDS for sponsorship and advertisement and for Delegate registration, no TDS to be deducted.

Mr Sudip Dey informed that Vizag being a small Association as contributed in becoming the 2nd largest contributor for the Convention. He further informed that out of the 28 Association, only 15 Association have come forward with the Advertisement. We started with a concept of 2 full pages and 2 half pages from each station but 13 stations have yet to open their account itself. I have been in touch with all the Associations and all the EC members but even if Each EC was to give an advertisement so we would come up with a good souvenir. So it is my appeal that we must have contribution from all stations as the advertisement rates are as low as Rs. 6500/- and we should also have advertisement from all the ordinary members. He appealed again and stated that please come forward as this convention is the Show of Strength, our standards.

Mr Sudhir Agarwal stated that the Circular which has come regarding membership of Association. Want to connect this with our Convention. Certain time member becomes passionate and pass unjustified remarks on common platform which is not acceptable to anybody who is working hard for the betterment of the fraternity. Some issues take time, some are resolved quickly. Members need to have confidence in their Association. He thanked the Chairman and convenor and the whole team for preparing very hard for the convention. He briefed EC members about the wonderful arrangement for pick up and drop and about the Rooms at the hotel and requested all EC members coming for the convention to be co-operative.





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Mr. Amit Kamat briefed about the Event Management.

He also briefed the house about the musical programme being arranged as a part of Entertainment at a reasonable cost on 12.8.2022 and 14.8.2022. He further briefed regarding Delegates kit with certain manufacturers. He further informed about excursions for the spouses of delegates and their families for 13th and 14th August 2022.

Mr Kartik Pancholi informed that from part of Delegate Registration

we have already crossed 500 mark and requested each and every EC member and President of each locations, please try to make maximum registration from your respective locations. There are locations from where few registrations have taken place. He humbly requested to make sure that local members take part in this convention and take this opportunity to expand their business.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani thanked the Chairman and Mr. Vijayakumar for giving this responsibility and briefed the house about the B2B sessions and the thought process. CBIC, DGFT, Logistics sector, Digital working format how it is going to help the members and how it is going to add value, Cyber security, thereafter handling international trade in this format. Haz and DG cargo which is gaining lot of prominence, inclusion of Women in logistics sector and finally skill development for all of us. That is going to be the top guideline under Digital Embrace, Reshape and surge. That is our thought of contents for members is high on priority, eminent speakers right from Union Ministers upto from Industry sector, consultants from Importers Exporters side. We are all planning to ensure that we get the proper content, speakers. There are speakers from International forums also and requested any suggestion from members from making B2B session a grand success.

Mr.A.V. Vijayakumar Ji thanked Mr. Paresh Thakkar and Mumbai team for arranging sponsorship and meeting Shipping Lines Representatives.

Mr. Paresh Thakkar thanked Mr. A. V. Vijayakumar Ji for his word of appreciation and informed that this was a total team work and we will keep the momentum going on and we will try from BCBA and will not let you down. We will keep our flag high.

Chairman further informed that if any CB wants to take part in the business Sessions sponsorship may kindly come forward because we have kept this slot for CB members to showcase their company strength we want to promote CB on this platform of Business Sessions. It gives a good exposure and mileage on the Dais and makes us feel proud of our own CB fraternity member. He further informed that it is package of Rs 6 Lakhs per session and if a single CB finds comfortable the same can be availed by CB company jointly can come together and sponsor the session.

Agenda point No. 10 : **To announce the date and venue of the Next EC meeting.**

Honorary Secretary informed that 2 ,3 Associations have shown interest but the dates are not fixed. Once finalized will be intimated.





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Chairman further informed that the next EC meeting is scheduled before the lunch session during the Convention just to brief the house about what we intend to plan during the convention. He further stated that if we have the confirmation of Accounts completion before time, and if schedule permit, we will schedule our AGM during convention time. He further informed the house about having an EC meeting in the Port of Antwerp, Belgium. But Looking at the continued programme travel cost, etc. ,it will be challenging. We had also sent circular to EC members for which we had received poor response from members regarding participation in EC meeting at Belgium. So we will send a regret for the Port of Antwerp meeting which was scheduled during Oct 2022 and look forward for next opportunity for holding the meeting with Port of Antwerp. He has asked any Association to come ahead for holding the next EC meeting in the month of Oct 2022.

Agenda No. 11 : **To discuss and update about IIFF :**

Mr.Tej Contractor briefed about the recently launched online batch of FIATA Diploma. Programme commenced on last Saturday with 25 participants and thanked all the EC members for their inputs. He further informed that the admissions are open for another 3 weeks and if anyone wants to join can recommend their names. He further briefed the house about a training programme conducted at JNPT training center. IIFF was invited by Port of Antwerp for a 4 hour session. He further informed the house that IIFF arranged a programme for the Embarkation Dept who handles all the clearances of Defense and Armed Forces. We were not allowed to publicize due to Security reasons that we did the training programme for them. We taught the basic of logistics. He further briefed about the meeting had today with WISTA. He requested to share any suggestion from local Association for further training programs.

Chairman appreciated the good work being done by IIFF team led by Mr. Sudhir Agrawal and Mr. Tej Contractor alongwith Dr. Nirav Thakker. He further thanked all the Association for nominating the students for these batches.

Agenda point No. 13: **Any other matter with the permission of the Chair**

Chairman informed that we have not received any points from respective committees. So if there is anything first we will take Committee matter and then for other matters.

Chairman informed that there were 2 communications, one from Tuticorin Association. We have informed them to represent the matter with Commissioner's first and if not possible then we will take it up with Board. 2nd Communication was from Delhi Association, we have addressed that issue with CBIC.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani briefed the house regarding the issue of duty not reflecting in the EDI system. We have asked Mr. Devendra – Delhi Association to furnish the case. As far as systems is concerned, we checked at Mumbai and Ahmedabad, there it is picking up the duty. . Yesterday we attended the meeting with Air Cargo Logistics Promotion Board, where Ms Chayya was there from DG Systems. DG systems have requested to please forward the cases and if it is not happening due to technical issues in the system, they will have it rectified.

Chairman informed that the issue is a bit different. The Notification gets deleted in the final print and that is where they have to recall the BE and re-assess the BE. If gets deleted in the final print, and requested Mr. Dushyant Mulani to check with systems that in assessment it does not gets deleted. The same would be checked.





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Chairman requested suggestion on the Notification regarding membership of Association.

Mr. Puneet Jain informed that this is a good Notification and gave a small suggestion that let FFFAI work out and suggest Member Association a uniform and rationalized fee structure to be adopted by the members so that there are no disputes later on or there are no conflicts arising because we see that there are different subscriptions by the Associations which might give an conflict later on.

Chairman informed that with regards to the functioning or the commercial part of local association we leave it to the local association because they are the one who know the services to be provided to the members. They know their own working because all Associations will have different and same model cannot be pushed across the country. So let us not get into the Associations practices or finances or operations, we will leave it to the Association. As far as FFFAI is concerned we welcome your suggestions.

Mr. Amit Kamat informed about a recent CCFC meeting held at Goa and there were 32 endorsed licenses who have not taken membership of Goa Association. This matter was addressed by President Goa Association and list of such members was produced in the meeting. Commissioner immediately directed the Joint Commissioner in charge of CB Section to look into the matter.

Mr. Dushyant Mulani informed that the entire Mumbai Association focus is to ensure that how the Convention is a success. We have channelized our entire team towards this aspect. President Mr. Kiran Rambhia and his whole team is focused on this. As far as the issues are concerned, day to day issues are there for faceless and amendments. So we will be submitting our points.

Chairman thanked Mr. Dushyant Mulani.

Chairman Mr. Shankar Shinde thanked all the EC members and Board of advisors.

Honorary Secretary thanked all the Office Bearers , Executive Committee meeting , Board of Advisors Mr. Samir J Shah and Mr. Ramakrishna Ji for attending the meeting.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair, EC Members and secretariat.

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Vinod Sharma thanked Executive Committee Members, Board of Advisors for attending the meeting.

As there was no matter for discussion the meeting concluded with vote of thank to the Chair.

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Honorary Secretary

To: All Executive Committee Members of FFFAI
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To: All Board of Advisors of FFFAI
To: All Nominees of Associate and Allied Members

