AKE-IN-INDIA" Seminar organized by AILBIEA

MUMBAI: All India Liquid Bulk Import Export AILBIEA Association (AILBIEA) is India's pioneer trade body for orderly promotion of

Export-Import trade in liquid bulk cargoes (crude and related mineral oils, vegetable oil, industrial oils chemicals, petro-chemicals, ethanol etc). AlLBIEA has conducted a seminar on *MAKE-IN-INDIA

Eminent speakers viz. Dr. Shree Kumar Menon [ex-Director General-NACEN] Mr. G. Chandrashekar, Mr. Ashutosh Baranwal Commissioner of Customs [Imports], Mr. Suvir Misra Commissioner of Customs [Exports], Mr. Mark Fernandes Council Member IMC Mr. Mohan Nihalini-President AIIEA] spoke on the topic of Make In India. The Seminar was chaired by the President of AILBIEA-Mr. Jayyannt Lapsiaa.

The speakers highlighted the following:

India is one the world's fastest growing significant economies. With GDP value of about \$ Two Trillion, it is among the world's top five countries in terms of purchasing power parity. The country's macroeconomic fundamentals are robust; and the vast potential is waiting to be tapped. Governance is of course key.

A slew of reforms have been set in motion, some with medium to long term implication. Several initiatives to enhance the ease of doing business have been announced.

An important initiative of the new government is the 'Make in India' campaign that seeks to boost manufacturing activity in the country. If implemented well, it will set off a virtuous cycle. The concomitant benefits of investment, employment and income are of course well recognized.

There are many ways in which the Make in India

campaign can be looked at: Make in India for India with indigenous raw

material



- Make in India for export with indigenous raw
- Make in India with imported raw material either for India or for export

Edible oil is an essential food commodity of mass consumption, the import of which currently accounts for 60 percent of our aggregate consumption. Annual imports have been rising at close to a million tons and currently stand at 11 million tons, given the mismatch between domestic demand and production. Other liquid bulk imports include chemicals including agro-chemicals, molasses and so on. Fertilizer crude is imported on a large scale.

India's exports include organic and inorganic chemicals, castor oil, molasses and agro-chemicals. Importantly, over 62 million tons of petroleum products are exported.

In the area of foreign trade, a critical initiative is reduction of documents from 7 to 3 for exports and imports. There are also measures underway, one of them being 'Single-window clearance for import and export

The slew of new initiatives by the Government is expected to benefit investors and businesses. Obviously, the success of Make in India campaign will depend on how well the field formations in case of liquid bulk cargoes, the border control agencies covering especially Customs and Ports perform.

It is important that the spirit of Make in India percolates down to all stakeholders including business houses and border control agencies. Businesses have to learn to be fully compliant with rules, regulations and procedure. At the same time, field officials have to become proactive in facilitating timely clearances of documents and cargo. Grievances should be redressed in a time bound manner.

Given that the macroeconomic fundamentals are strong and the country is poised to register higher rates of economic growth, import and export activity will continue to expand, in terms of quantity and value both. The country has all takes to become an economic powerhouse. The success of the Make in India campaign will depend entirely on the harmonious working relationship between business houses and officials at customs and ports.

Going forward, AlLBIEA should become an effective interface between the official machinery and the business houses. The association has the requisite commitment and passion to contribute to the success of Make in India

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