

## IIF interaction with Director, MoEF&CC in Delhi Office



Dr. Sharath Kumar Pallerla, Director, Ministry of Environment Forest & Climate Change (Policy Wing) was invited to Delhi office on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 for interaction with IIF members to discuss the new EIA policy which is at Draft stage & also to discuss the implications of recent NGT Order on foundries located in SPAs & CPAs. The event was attended by 35 members representing various foundries & other senior members of IIF. It was very interactive session.

Following were major points of discussions

1. The New EIA Policy will be comprehensive document considering various amendments, standardization of formats , ease of doing business .IIF has already given its suggestions during consultations with MoEF&CC, which are likely to find place in the new EIA notification.

IIF mentioned that although MOEF is trying to ease & simplify the procedures from time to time, but the desired result is not felt on the ground due to implementing agencies & judgements by tribunals etc.

2. Regarding NGT Order ,it was mentioned by IIF that it will also impact the units (Red/Orange) which are complying with norms & operating with valid consent to operate just because the cluster is polluted due to other sources of pollution although the unit individually may not be responsible

If that be so ,then the norms set by Ministry / COCB for various industries & consent to operate has no meaning.

3. Dr. Pallerla was in agreement & mentioned that since it is not possible to assess the contribution of quantum of pollution by each unit to the overall cluster pollution index, NGT may have taken this stand. However, IIF pointed out that this stand of NGT is not reasonable.

He mentioned that the industry associations should impede this as the industry has not been given a chance to be heard & judgement has been given by NGT without giving opportunity to the affected parties of being heard by NGT  
This is important point

4. IIF mentioned that Govt should also intervene . Dr Pallerla mentioned this matter is under discussion in the ministry and a meeting has been called by Secretary MoEF&CC with CPCB to discuss this issue & discuss action plan.

The session ended with vote of thanks by Sr. Director, IIF, Mr. A. K. Anand.