VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

By Subrata Sen

A) Associations under my jurisdiction which are :-
Kolkata, West Bengal & Bihar.

B) Whether I visited any of the association during quarter, if not the reasons:-
Due to pandemic situation of Covid-19, I could not visit physically to Patna association, but I used to get in touch with them on regular basis and shared necessary FPTA information, requested Patna association to pay their subscription on time. I visited physically to my home association CPTA & WBPTA during their occasions. I also attended a joint meeting of CPTA & WBPTA with local transporters & conveyed my opinion. I requested all these 3 associations to attend our virtual MC meeting of FPTA. I also requested all the associations to participate in our ensuing virtual AGM of FPTA in full strength.

C) What are the views of Association be it on trade, the functioning of FPTA, Government policies etc:-
Members are expecting more informative webinars like last year which was organized by FPTA as traders are getting future market feedback from the speakers. Traders of all the associations under my jurisdiction highly appreciated the webinar organized by FPTA on 1st August 2021. Members learned a lot from the speakers from different paper mills. Government policies on MSME were not fully cleared by many members. They suggested to organize seminar specially on the issue of MSME. Virtual seminars on other important subjects like present market scenario, arbitration should be arranged to upgrade the knowledge of the general members.

D) Whether I am in touch with the President and FPTA Secretariat regularly ?
I am in regular touch with the President and Secretariats of FPTA from time to time as and when required. Besides, I am also in touch with some FPTA past presidents and Presidents of the affiliated associations under my Jurisdiction.

E) Whether I attended the MC Meeting of FPTA held during the quarter :-
Yes - I attended all the virtual meetings of FPTA including MC meetings, sub-committee meetings and webinars with consumers & mill owners.

F) My assessment with regard to this functioning of FPTA –
The panic of Covid-19 is still continuing during this whole year. Under this pandemic situation, traders are getting afraid of their future business movement. Collections of payments from the consumers are drastically going down. If FPTA arrange more webinars with mill owners and consumes, traders will be motivated because they will get some guideline on future trade policies.

G) Any other suggestions
FPTA President should focus on quarterly report of all the affiliated associations. We would be able to know the activity of the association even under this pandemic situation. All the vice presidents should take the initiative.

Thank you
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