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Interactive Session with Mr. P B Ramamurthy, IAS, Chairman, Bangalore Water Supply And Sewerage Board (BWSSB) on Thursday, July 29, 2010

An Interactive Session with Mr. P B Ramamurthy, IAS, Chairman, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) was held immediately after the first meeting of the General Committee.

In his welcome address, Mr. Shekar Viswanathan, President thanked Mr. Ramamurthy for acceding to the request of the Chamber's invitation to interact with the members of the Committee. He complimented Mr. Ramamurthy for undertaking several innovative measures to address the demand and supply of water to the City of Bangalore and more particularly for making mandatory Rain Water Harvesting (RWH), for new residential constructions in the City.

Mr. Ramamurthy in his detailed and comprehensive presentation on "**Water Management**" gave a candid picture of the current water situation in Bangalore and also on the various steps being undertaken by BWSSB for augmenting more water supplies and also water supply management methods.

Mr. Ramamurthy, in his presentation gave an overview on the following:

- ✓ Functions of the BWSSB
- ✓ Present water supply scenario in the city in general and in particular to the major industrial areas
- ✓ Initiatives for Augmenting water supply – Demand front & supply front
- ✓ Rejuvenation of Lakes in Bangalore City
- ✓ Implementation of Rain Water Harvesting (RWH)
- ✓ Present Recycling and Reuse of Waste water for Non-Potable purpose
- ✓ Improving Water Accountability/ water Audit
- ✓ Sanitation and Present Sewage Treatment Status
- ✓ Greater Bangalore Water Supply & Sanitation Project
- ✓ Karnataka Municipal Reform Project
- ✓ BWSSB New Schemes:- Water supply – Distribution improvement – Standby Water Transmission System - Environmental Action Plan-C (EAP-C)
- ✓ Revenue Efficiency Initiatives
- ✓ Customer friendly Initiatives

Following the presentation, there were queries on the Water Conservation, MoUs signed by the Government, funding agencies, protection of environment etc. Mr. Ramamurthy answered to all the queries raised by the participants.

Dr. Vinod Nowal, Vice President, BCIC thanked Mr. Ramamurthy for his excellent presentation and congratulated the BWSSB for initiating several innovative measures and assured the Chamber's unstinted support and cooperation to work in tandem to mitigate the problems of water supply and co-operate in all its endeavours.
