

Interactive Session with Mr. N Sivasailam, IAS, Managing Director, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd on Thursday, January 28, 2010

Following the General Committee Meeting, there was an Interactive Session with Mr. N Sivasailam, IAS, Managing Director, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd with the members of the Chamber.

In his welcome address, Mr. K R Girish, President thanked Mr. N Sivasailam for acceding to the request of the Chamber's invitation to interact with the members of the Committee. He also brought to the attention of Mr. Sivasailam the interactions he had with the members of BCIC IT Committee and assured that the Chamber would be very much keen to give its inputs on the possible areas of business cooperation with BMRCL for the upcoming Metro Projects.

Mr. N Sivasailam thanked the Chamber for inviting him to address the members of Industry and said that he is awaiting a note from the IT Committee of the Chamber on the marketing proposals especially on the Smart Travel Card and other issues. He then made a detailed presentation on the Bangalore Metro Rail Project - phase 1 and briefly outlined on the following:

BMRC Initiatives:

- Physical progress of the East-West and North South Corridors of Bangalore Metro Rail Project
- Status of Extension of the corridors
- Metro Train - Important features:
 - Rolling stock – Operations Parameters
 - Passengers facilities
 - Safety Aspects
 - Train Ridership
 - Automatic Fare Collection (AFC)
 - Communications / amenities Kiosks Area at Stations
 - Signaling and Train Control
 - Communications Facilities
- Other major Tenders awarded
- Funding – Government Sanctioned and JICA funding
- Commissioning Schedule

He further added that the State Government is giving the necessary impetus in implementing the Project and improving the Railway network infrastructure. He invited suggestions from the industry especially on the Funding and requested BCIC Members to invest in the Bonds which are to be issued by the State Government for financing Metro Projects.

He also requested the IT Committee of the Chamber to come out with suitable business proposals for Bangalore Metro. He assured the members that the deadline spelt out in the presentation will be duly met and Baiyappanahalli - Cricket Stadium will become operational by December 2010. He said that the Saloon Interior is of superior quality better than Delhi Metro with non slip and non skid floor structure.

Following the presentation, there were queries on the Status of Extension, major tenders awarded, commissioning schedule, funding agencies, protection of environment etc. Mr. Sivasailam and his colleague answered to all the queries raised by the participants.

Mr. Shekar Vishwanathan, Vice President, BCIC thanked Mr. Sivasailam for his excellent presentation and congratulated the BMRCL for its mega project of the Bangalore Metro and assured industry's support and cooperation in all its endeavours.