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Pursuant to the Agenda notice dt. 12/03/2025, the 13th Executive Body Meeting of The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association was held on Wednesday, 19th MAR. 2025 at 5.00 PM at The Association office 60, Darya Ganj, New Delhi.

The Following members were present.

1. Mr Rajesh Sawhney (in the chair)

2. Mr. Puneet Bhasin	09. Mr. Jasmeet Singh
3. Mr. Harpreet Singh	10. Mr. Rajesh Narula
4. Mr. Anurag Seth	11. Mr. Summit Narula
5. Mr. Rakesh Sawhney	12. Mr. Karan Bir Suri
6. Mr. R.C. Gupta	13 . Mr. Satish Mahajan
7. Mr.Rakesh Arora	14. Mr. Ramesh Bhasin
8. Mr. Amit Sareen	15. Dr. Bobin Saluja

Regrets: Mr. Kapil Sareen, Mr. Ashu Sareen and Mr. Vishal Anand had informed their inability to attend the meeting before hand.

Absentees: Mr. Arun Sharma and Mr. Pradeep Chawla.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Welcome Address by the President

The President Mr. Rajesh Sawhney welcomed all the members present and requested all members for greater participation.

Obituary:

The President with heavy heart informed the house about the sad demise of Shri Sunil Kumar Kohli, father of Shri Varun Kohli of M/s Sai Life Industries, Sahibabad. The members present paid homage to and prayed for the rest in peace for the departed soul.

The President then requested the Secretary to conduct the meeting as per agenda.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Executive Body Meeting

The Minutes of the 12th Executive Body meeting held on 11th Jan, 2025 were circulated vide circular No. SMTA/JAN 2025/EBM/Min-12, dt. 13-01-2025. Same were read by the secretary and there being no objection raised and none on the record, the minutes were confirmed and adopted. The

secretary briefed the house about the stakeholder meeting under the Chairmanship of Health Secretary. It was informed that we had emailed our representation to them in advance and were given an opportunity to speak about our issues of High Licence fees , Huge delay in grant of licences , Request for inclusion for Class B devices that are non sterile , non measuring , non implantable in GSR 777 , FSC issue for merchant exporters etc . A detailed presentation in this regard was also submitted to the ministry as due to paucity of time we were not given time to make the presentation . It was discussed to follow up with the ministry with single page letter detailing single point in each letter , every point letter to be sent separately on single page for highlighting the issue.

AGENDA ITEM 3: To Discuss further action on EOI for SMTA Medical Device Park

It was discussed that to push the matter further for land allocation for creating a Medical Device Park it is necessary to have a definite interest of the members who have sent the EOI. It was suggested to immediately send a letter to these members for a token amount of Rs 25000 as an interest free deposit for primary registration with us. The terms and conditions of this registration should be clearly mentioned. (Previously, the amount to be asked for was Rs. 50,000.00 – which was suggested to be reduced so that more people can participate.) Sh. Rajesh Sawhney ji was requested to draft this letter for circulation asap.

AGENDA ITEM 4: To discuss the implications of Budget and discuss representation required

It was informed to the house that none of our suggestions for reduction in taxes on medical device sector have been implemented so it was necessary to step up our efforts. It was pointed out by Sh. Anurag Seth ji that during recent trader meet with CM and area MP Sh Praveen Khandelwal, it was urged to reduce the GST on items for use by the handicapped persons to NIL from current 5%. Further a representation was also submitted to the CM for trade issues of Delhi. A copy of the same was duly circulated to the executive body members before the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: To Review follow up for CDSCO, Niti Aayog for medical device licensing issues

It was informed to the house by Dr. Bobin Saluja ji that our representations are under consideration and it would be advisable to follow up with a single page letter highlighting the most pressing issues so that the same maybe be cured by policy changes. It was immediately requested to the team that had prepared the presentation to draft a suitable single page letter. Other members of the body were also asked to join the team with their suggestions.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Any other matter with the permission of the chair

SUB AGENDA ITEM 1: SMTA Directory: It was informed to the house that many advertisers for the directory were asking for bills / receipts for the payments made. As treasurer, Mr. Kapil Sareen was not present in this meeting, it was decided to request him to have an appointment with the CA and sort out if any issues were there, so that the bills / receipts can be immediately issued. It was further suggested that, if need be he may also consult or seek help from Shri Rakesh Sawhney ji to discuss the same with CA and sort this issue at the earliest.

SUB AGENDA ITEM 2 : Legal Metrology : It was pointed out by Sh. Satish Mahajan ji that there is lot of harassment being done by W&M department in the market and intervention of association is needed. It was assured that the association is fully supportive of any action to be taken in this regard and would provide all possible support to solve this matter. However, the Bhagirath palace Sub committee has to be proactive and take initiative for safeguarding the interest of the members there. It was discussed that the matter be furthered under the leadership of Chairman Bhagirath palace Sub committee.

SUB AGENDA ITEM 3 : GST NOTICE for reversal of input tax for purchases not paid within 6 months : It was brought to the notice of the house by Sh. R.C.Gupta ji that many members have received notices to reverse input credit for purchases that are not paid by the buyer within 6 months . It was pointed out that many members being government suppliers are not receiving payment from the

department within the stipulated period of 6 months due to which such suppliers are unable to make the payment to their vendors. This matter should be taken up with the GST as it will cause undue economic hardship to the dealers while there is an unjust enrichment of the government as they already have received the due tax from the vendor and also the govt suppliers.

There being no other matter, the meeting came to an end with thanks to the chair

For The Surgical Manufacturers & Traders Association,

(Harpreet Singh)

Secretary