Meeting of State Level Committee held on 13th July, 2012

Following are important issues discussed and decided in the meeting:

1. Many applications have been received for erecting lamination plants. The main component of such unit is a hot press which can be used to manufacture plywood. Such units if allowed do not require any license or fee to be paid. With permission without any license to such units there will be no proper enforcement of rules & there is a great possibility of them being misused for production of plywood. It was decided that no new lamination unit be allowed.

2. Representation of M/S Sudarshan Doors in compliance of order dated 2.1.12 in Writ Petition no 76363 of 2011 filed against order to stop operation of peeling machines was received vide CEC F.No.1-26/CEC/SC/2011-Pt.XXXXI dt 07-03-2012. The unit is category I unit of plywood and was granted license for 2 press and 2 peelers by letter no SLC 755/41-1(VP) dt 25.4.2008 under Type Plywood only. Thereafter vide letter no SLC 451/41-1 dated 23.12.2008 concerned officers were informed that peeler has been entered erroneously due to a clerical error and their operation be stopped immediately. The party went into Writ against this in Honble High Court at Allahabad and obtained an order that the petitioner may file a representation which may be decided within three months by respondent no 3 i.e. Member Secretary, SLC. Respondents were also directed not to take any coercive action to stop running of peeling mills. On perusal of records it was found that DLC has clearly mentioned 2 peelers with year of purchase as 1986 and 1996. As per records one peeler was purchased on 28.02.1986 and other on 28.06.95. As the end product is plywood they can be allowed only for captive use. It was decided that one peeler will qualify for Category I and other for Category III. For category III he will have to deposit Rs 1.5 lacs as onetime fee also. The representation will be disposed of accordingly.

3. In case of Veneer/Plywood units, M/S JaihindGramodyogSansthan, Rampur has been recommended for Category IV (Veneer only) . M/S Sharda Wood Products, Sitapur has been recommended for up gradation from Category IV to Category III. For M/S Sana Plywood Lucknow, which is Category III unit for Veneer, addition of Plywood in Category IV has been recommended. The timber demand for all units is well within the total assessed availability.

These decisions have been approved by Central Empowered Committee.

Member Secretary