

MRPL conducts Special Vendor Development Program for Micro and Small Enterprise (MSE) SC/ST Entrepreneurs



MRPL with MSME Development Institute, Bengaluru conducted a State Level Vendor Development Program for SC/ST Entrepreneurs (Buyer-Seller meet with specific emphasis on encouraging SC/ST entrepreneurs), on 10.02.2017 at Hotel JP Cordial, Bengaluru. Dignitaries from MSME DI Branch Bengaluru, Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DICCI) Bengaluru and NSIC Ltd Bengaluru participated in the program. Around 45 entrepreneurs participated in the program.

Shri. P.P. Chainulu, GM (IT & SAP), MRPL welcomed the gathering and spoke about salient features of public procurement and background of conducting Vendor development program for SC/ST Micro & Small Enterprises. He also urged the SC/ST MSEs to make best use of the platform and become partners in MRPL's growth journey.

Shri. K. Socrates, Deputy Director, Branch MSME Development Institute Mangaluru elaborated on the efforts & initiatives taken by MSME & MRPL to organize the event.

Shri. Satish Chandra Gen. Secretary Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (DICCI) Bengaluru encouraged SC/ST MSE Vendors to actively participate in the various tendering processes of MRPL.

Shri. Suman Santra, Dy. Manager- Business Development, NSIC Bangalore, explained the various schemes available under the NSIC, the financial assistance that can be

availed for setting up of MSEs and also some of the discounts that can be availed by them for promotional tours they wish to undertake.

Chief Guest, Shri. S.N. Rangaprasad, Director, MSME Development Institute Bengaluru who delivered the keynote address spoke at length on various benefits offered by MSME DI to the SC/ST entrepreneurs and encouraged the participants to actively participate and avail the benefits offered by the Ministry of MSME.

Shri. K. Pownraj, Chief Manager (Materials), MRPL, gave a detailed presentation on MRPL tendering process, types of tender. He also gave details on various items/services that are regularly procured by MRPL along with estimated values of procurement which can be utilized by SC/ST entrepreneurs.

Shri. Venugopal V.J, Sr. Manager (Materials), MRPL, gave a presentation on avenues available for MSME SC/ST Vendors in MRPL. He also explained the nature of processes and inter-linkages with support departments against which the SC/ST MSEs can participate and contribute as stakeholders. Plant wise and department wise item requirements were elaborated.

Shri. K. Deveraj, Dy. Director, MSME Development Institute, Bengaluru, gave a presentation about MSME benefits & schemes that are offered to the MSE SC/ST Entrepreneurs.

The last session was an interactive one between SC/ST MSE's and MRPL & MSME officers in which large number of vendors took active part. A great deal of clarity was provided by MRPL officials to various queries posed by the participants. For their convenience live demo was given on how to access MRPL website, identify different items generally procured by MRPL, view various tenders in process and how to register with MRPL and participate in the tendering process and submit offers online. The process of obtaining digital signatures was also explained.

The program was compered by Shri. Vishal Wilfred Abreo, Executive (Materials), MRPL and concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Shri. Pownraj.

