

Businessmen share views on Ease of Doing Business

It was last year when Goa was found to be languishing at the bottom half of ease of doing business (EODB) ranking by the central government. Speaking to **NIBEDITA SEN**, some of the prominent business persons of Goa shared their opinion on the prevailing scenario regarding Ease of Doing Business (EODB) in Goa and the measures that have to be taken further to improve the situation.

Rear Admiral (Retd) Mittal spells out priorities for Goa industry

At a time when Goa's economy is on shaky grounds due to temporary mining ban by Supreme Court, the premier industry body Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Goa has seen a change of guard with Chairman and Managing Director (MD) of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) Rear Admiral (Retd) Shekhar Mittal taking over as the Chairman of the State CII Chapter. Known for turning around a loss-making PSU like GSL into a most profitable defence Shipyard in the country, Rear Admiral (Retd) Mittal spells out his priorities for Goa industry during a conversation with Shashwat Gupta Ray.

SGR: From times memorial there has always been an argument that economics and development can go hand in hand. How do you look at this scenario?

SM: It is a very pertinent point. We have to work extremely hard so that our growth rates are maintained so that the inclusive growth for the sustainability of the people can be maintained. What is more important at this stage? Food, survivability or the environment? The answer is subjective. It's a balance and we need to take a call. Certainly, we also have to look into the basics.

SGR: You have taken over the reins of CII at a time when the crisis is brewing. Here the industry is struggling and looking at a strong leadership. So, what type of expertise do you think you can bring in from your own experience handling being in the armed force?

SM: Basically when you have to take the decision and do not have any motive behind, the decisions are simple, straightforward and you can think very fast. I think that is the strength which I bring to the table. One has to be very clear what he is bringing any change to the society. When I am talking about the society, I am talking about inclusive growth. We should articulate our point very clearly without any hesitation and not shy away from taking strong decisions.

SGR: You have spelt the issues of mining, coal, and several other aspects. What do you think will be your key challenges

in next one year as a Chairman of Goa chapter of CII?

SM: We take the decisions on the basis of scientific facts rather than just emotions which are build out. Once the decisions are taken we will be able to follow the basic things, we will think about the people at large.

SGR: What type of co-operation you are looking for from your fellow members in CII?

SM: I have no business interest. As a professional chairman, I have no interest in taking over this job. I will perform thinking about the society, the members and for the business. I am quite committed for that.

SGR: When mining and coal are affecting the business of Goa, how do you propose to sort out this issue?

SM: I am not an expert in mining. The two court judgements have come and the Supreme Court order is there. Now, it is to be seen whether the special petition is filed. Because the matter is sub judice, we will have to wait for the matter.

SGR: What is your agenda for the year forward? Which areas would you like to take up on a priority basis?

SM: I believe in pragmatism. All the stakeholders should be brought to the same platform. My job is to see that the aspirations of the business community are clearly articulated to the ministers and bureaucrats.

SGR: Goa being a marine-dependent State, will that be an added advantage?

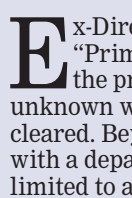
SM: As per CII is concerned, my effort will be to educate the local industries so that they get connected with Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) and other Public Sector Undertaking (PSUs). Once they are connected, I intend to conduct a lot of workshops for the general education of people so that they can interact with Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSE), because 16 per cent of the Gross domestic product (GDP) of the country is contributed by the CPSEs. Hence its a large and if the industry is aware of it, we will make a conscious effort to provide them with facilities.



Chairman of Western Region (CII), Ninad Karpe "Yes I am happy. I think the intent is there. The Chief Minister has already mentioned publicly that in 2019 they want to be in the top three. In terms of achievements, there are more to come. The local issues can be improved further with more attention. The state government is concerned at the highest level of bureaucracy and we can make it."



CII-IWN Founder and Chairperson for Goa, Parvish Andani Kamat "Ease of doing business is an ongoing process and this is a good beginning, the business is a combination of the government, it's dynamic and the ecosystem it thrives in. This is a first good step. Well, GST is still not implemented by the trader community wholeheartedly, and it is quite a challenge but since my business is a service-oriented business, I am happy about it."



Ex-Director GITIC, Jervis Pereira "Primarily there is more awareness about the procedures. Secondly, fear of the unknown was the biggest part and that has been cleared. Beyond the confusion of registration with a department, the entity of a business is not limited to a particular sector. The EODB is pretty much the same as it was before. The -E-governance platform will really help the state understand the kind of business that exist in the ecosystem. For example, a proprietor just needs a NOC if he is in a panchayat area. But if he is from a municipal area then he needs a trade license, if he becomes a one person company then it goes to the municipal of corporate affairs if it's a partnership it goes to the registrar. Hence each type of business entity requires different types of compliances. There is actually a lot of more clarity with a certain degree of confusion."



Chairman Magsons, Kirit J Maganlal "I am happy because there is something happening. The parameters of Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) has gone up. In 2016 Goa was at a mere 16 per cent but today we are at 62 per cent which means that there are a lot of improvements that have happened. We are on the path to progress and it would take time. The challenge is the single window clearance. There are too many corners in the room which needs to be streamlined. The government has to come in line with the whole concept and the industry will benefit."



SD Promotion Board, Tulshidas Pai "I am happy as the business in the State has improved. The last one year has been really good and now we have a full-fledged team who has been working with us to improve our compliance and rankings. There are some operational challenges. For example, the executive recommendations have to be backed by the legal point of view. Convincing people to give up their power is not so easy. It's a work in progress. Now we finally have a government who are talking about the ease of doing business and going to make a single window system."



Director ADEC Embedded Technology and Solutions Pvt Ltd, Tirthathprasad G Nagvekar "How much we come up is more important. Although we are competing with 98 per cent compliant states we have reached up to 60 per cent. Hence quantitatively speaking it might be a little more extra mile to reach up but qualitatively I feel we should have a good impact. I had to face a lot of problems as I am a small businessman. There should be high-quality deliverance to the last person who is coming. Every businessman should be treated equally."



CEO RMJ and Associates, Rita Mody Joshi "EODB was a great initiative hosted by CII with several enlightened speakers addressing important issues of the day. It was very informative and as well educational to us entrepreneurs, especially in the present day scenario. As an entrepreneur in this ever-changing environment, one must note that there should be clarity in the process of the business reform action plan (BRAP). Reforms can only happen with the cooperation of the government and young entrepreneurs working together in a seamless manner. Accountability and transparency are crucial for any substantial growth of the business, which is not apparent in the present situation."



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