

CUTS CRC Activity Report

April-June 2013

ONGOING PROJECTS

Business Regulation and Corporate Conduct (BRCC)

CUTS is implementing a project entitled, 'Business Regulation and Corporate Conduct' (BRCC) with support from the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) in India. The first phase of this project ended in December 2012 and the second phase started from April 2013, which will be operational till the end of the year 2013.

The year 2012 basically involved research work, i.e. preparation of research methodology, field work, collection of data, compilation of data, analysis of data, report writing etc. in order to comprehend business regulations at the national and state levels that can help motivate corporate entities to emerge as champions of responsible business conduct.

In the second phase, the project learning and evidence of first phase will be utilised for larger sharing, capacity building and advocacy actions at national as well as state levels through various activities such as interface meetings, inter-state regulators meeting, training workshop etc.

The first Interface Meeting of the Pharmaceutical Sector was conducted in Kolkata on June 06, 2013. Representatives from industry, policymakers, regulatory bodies, sectoral associations and civil society participated in the meeting. The principal idea of the meeting was to draft a blueprint for a more responsible pharmaceutical sector in the state with inputs from different stakeholder groups of the sector. A report capturing the proceeding and inputs received during the deliberations has been prepared and shared.

The forthcoming activities under this project include Inter-state Regulators meeting, Interface Meeting with the private healthcare sector and Capacity building workshops each for pharmaceutical and private healthcare sector in West Bengal.



L-R: Gour Kanti Paul, Asst. Director, Directorate of Drug Control, WB, Prof. Krishnanghsu Roy, Director, Institute of Public Health, Dept. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of WB, Keya Ghosh, Director, CUTS CRC, Dr. R. D. Dubey, President Indian Medical Association, WB, in an Inception Workshop under BRCC project

New Town Development Authority (NKDA) Solar City Programme

New Town Kolkata Development Authority (NKDA) is undertaking a comprehensive initiative under Solar City Programme as approved by the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India. Under this project, CUTS is a member of the key stakeholder committee and also slated to pitch in as a Consultant to help operationalise the master plan for Solar City in New Town; provide expert opinion in terms of further developing specific plans, projects and regulations; and also help NKDA to run the Solar City Cell. A number of meetings have been organised by NKDA with all stakeholders during April-June 2013.



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