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November 18, 2019

Dear *Chief Executive*

**Subject: Seminar on "Challenges & Management of Arbitration" on 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday) & 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) December, 2019**

SCOPE has been addressing various issues & concerns affecting the functioning of CPSEs. In the recent business environment, a number of domestic and International arbitration cases are increasing and resolution of these cases are taking considerable time involving huge amount of expenditure.

Taking into account the changes both at national and global level, the **SCOPE is organizing a two days Seminar on "Challenges & Management of Arbitration" on 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday) & 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) December, 2019 at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi.**

The Seminar shall seek to deliberate in depth knowledge on various facets and developments, which have accrued in the field of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as amended by 2015 and 2019 Amendment Acts as well as to provide platform to the participants for sharing the issues & concerns on the subjects.

**Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Hon'ble Minister of Law & Justice has been invited to be the Chief Guest. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Minister of State, Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises has kindly consented to grace the occasion as Guest of Honour.**

The distinguished panel of speakers includes eminent former Justices, Supreme Court of India, Retd. Judges, High Courts of India, Senior Advocates, professionals with rich experience in the area of Arbitration Laws & International Contracts, from India and abroad.

A line in confirmation of your participation and those of your senior executives from your organization may please be communicated to **Program Facilitator Mr S A Khan, GGM (CA) (Mob: 9899-40-2245) or Ms Radhika, Legal Officer (Mob: 9210-54-0326) at [hscope.khan@gmail.com](mailto:hscope.khan@gmail.com).** It would be appreciated if the concerned executives/officers are nominated and names are conveyed to SCOPE. The brochure containing details of the Seminar is attached, for your kind perusal.

With *Regards*

Yours *Sincerely*  
*Atul Sobti*  
(Atul Sobti)

Encl: **As above**

To: **Chief Executives of Public Sector Enterprises**

Copy to: **Directors (HR) / Heads of Legal / Heads of HR of CPSEs**

**STANDING CONFERENCE OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES**

(An apex body of Public Enterprises)

**National Seminar  
on**

# **Challenges & Management of Arbitration**

**20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2019**

Venue: Scope Convention Centre  
Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003

*Inaugural Address by*

**Chief Guest**

**Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal**

Hon'ble Minister of State (HI&PE)  
Govt. of India

## SCOPE Background:

Standing conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE) is an apex body of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) with a vision to enable its member enterprises to be globally competitive. SCOPE is recognized as a sole representative body of PSEs by the Government of India, with over 200 Public Sector Enterprises as its members. It has been proactive in creating conducive policy environment for them through effective policy advocacy besides making efforts to advance greater professionalism and excellence in them.

SCOPE is a professional body representing the Central Government Public Enterprises in India & abroad having membership from Central Public Enterprises, State Public Enterprises, Banks, and other Institutions. SCOPE also organizes interaction/discussion meetings with eminent personalities of various Ministries, Institutions and interest group to evolve a view and suggest new policy initiatives to the concerned ministry or sector.

## Seminar Prospective:

With the growth of CPSE's in India, the number of domestic and International contracts, joint ventures are also increasing along with the disputes. All these factors coupled with delays in the traditional Indian litigation system, have led to a considerable increase in the number of arbitration cases.

**To assist the CPSE's by faster and cost effective settlement of arbitration cases, SCOPE has created a Forum i.e. "SCOPE Forum of Conciliation and Arbitration" (SFCA), which provide arbitration services through its empanelled conciliators/arbitrators as well as providing platform for sharing the latest development in the area of Arbitration, Conciliation, legal laws International contracts etc. through interactive sessions.**

Therefore, SCOPE felt to provide the platform for deliberation on issues & concerns of CPSEs in the Management of Arbitration during the forthcoming arbitration seminar and addressing of the same for the benefits of members to the concerned department of the government. During the seminar the participants shall discuss the practical issues emerging during the course of arbitration in their respective organizations & challenges in national & international procurement & case studies by eminent professional & experienced speakers.

Taking into account the changes both at national and global level, SCOPE is organizing a two days National Seminar on "Challenges & Management of Arbitration" on 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday) & 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) December, 2019 at SCOPE Convention Centre, New Delhi.

### Objective

**The objective of the seminar is to provide in depth knowledge on various facets and developments, which have accrued in the field of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 as amended by 2015 and 2019 Amendment Acts as well as to provide platform to the participants for sharing the issues & concerns on the subjects.**

## Broad Coverage:

- Salient Provisions of Arbitration & Conciliation Act (Amendment) Act, 2015 & 2019
- Major Causes for Dispute in Commercial Contracts – Absence of Strong Dispute Management and Resolution Clauses
- Overview of Ad hoc, Institutional, PMA Arbitration & AMRCD Mechanism
- Selection of Institutional Arbitration Seat for Contract Agreements
- Challenges in Shipping Arbitration
- International Arbitration Involving Multi Jurisdictions Award
- Commercial Courts – Concept and Meaning
- Sharing of experiences & case studies on practical aspects of arbitration
- Issues & concerns related to Global Tendering & Award procedure in CPSEs.

## Methodology:

The seminar will include genesis, deliberations & sharing of important provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 (as amended), Commercial Courts Act and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006. The eminent speakers have been invited are present and former judges, from Government, senior advocates, experienced academician and professionals with rich knowledge on the subject. In addition, some of the leading CPSEs shall also share their experiences & good practices related to management of arbitration law of their respective organizations, followed by an interaction with the participants and speakers.

## Hon'ble Judges Invited:

**Justice Manmohan Sarin**, (Retd.),  
Former Lokayukta, NCT of Delhi, Chief Justice,  
High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Judge,  
High Court of Delhi

**Justice Manmohan Singh**, (Retd.),  
Former Chairman PMLA

**Justice Krishn Kumar Lahoti** (Retd.),  
Former Acting Chief Justice, Justice Satish K. Agnihotri  
(Retd.), former Chief Justice of Sikkim High Court

**Mr. P K Malhotra**, Former Secretary,  
Ministry of Law & Justice

## Invited Resource Persons:

### Senior Advocates

**Mr. Sacchin Puri**

Managing Partner, UCOL Advocates

**Mr. Dr. A. Francis Julian**

Arbitrator & Adjunct Professor of law

**Mr. Gopal Jain**

Gopal Jain & Associates

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Vice President High Court Bar Association

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Vashistha Law Office

**Mr. Nakul Dewan**

### Advocates & Professionals:

**Dr. Subhash Gupta**

Former Pro VC, K. R. Manglam University

**Mr. Shourav Lahiri**

Partner Reed Smith, L.L.C, Singapore

**Ms. Neeti Sachdeva**

Mumbai Centre for International Chamber

**Mr. Tejas Karia**

Head Arb., Shradul A Mangaldas &  
Company (Mumbai)

**Mr. Divjyot Singh**, Partner, Alaya Legal

**Mr. M. M. Sharma**, Ex. Director, STC

**Mr. A. K. Jha**, Ex. Actg. CMD, NTPC

**Mr. Deepak Dhawan**

Ex. ED, IOCL & Consultant, PGCIL

**Mr. V. S. Vidyasagar**, AGM (Law), BHEL

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Director, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

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Partner, MCO Legal (Kolkata)

**Dr. Ashok Sharma**

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**Mr. H. S. Rajpal**, Chief GM (CA), IOCL

**Professionals from CPSEs**

# Programme Committee

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## Programme

Venue : SCOPE Convention Centre, SCOPE COMPLEX, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003

Date : December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 (Friday & Saturday)

Fee : Rs. 13,500/- per participant plus GST @ 18% (**Non residential**)  
DD/Cheque in favor of Standing Conference of Public Enterprises

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Reporting Time: 8:30A.M.

## Who Should Attend

It has been designed for the Sr. Executives, Executives & Sr. officers of legal departments, company secretaries, project management & execution, contracts & material department and the officers of other departments associated during the arbitration cases such as technical, project managers, finance & taxation etc.



## Nominations

**Nominations may please be forwarded/ mailed latest by 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at the below mentioned addresses:**

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