Organization of National Workshop on "Processing and Use of Construction & Demolition Waste" on November 21, 2017 at New Delhi



BMTPC organized a National Workshop on "Processing and Use of Construction & Demolition Waste" with theme 'Deconstruction & in-situ processing for Ecology and Economics' on November 21, 2017 at New Delhi.

The National Workshop was inaugurated by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of

Housing & Urban Affairs, Government of India. Hon'ble Minister in his inaugural speech said that sustainable waste management is the need of the hour keeping in view the ongoing Swachh Bharat Abhiyan of Govt. of India, which involves managing waste in an environmentally sound, socially satisfactory and technoeconomically viable manner. The waste management hierarchy demands firstly, avoiding generation of waste, followed by reducing, reusing, recycling, recovering, treating and disposing whatever wastes produced. There is also pressing need to bring awareness about the problem of waste management and the necessity to adopt proper procedure of collection, processing, recycling and use of C&D wastes in manufacturing of building components among different stake holders of the country.

Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs while addressing the participants pointed out that various Central Schemes such as Smart Cities, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) and other similar schemes are bringing increased activities in construction sector. Management and handling of solid wastes including C&D waste is a serious concern and has serious consequences due to the increasing quantum of waste, continuing shortage of dumping sites, and increase in transportation and disposal cost and various associated environmental issues. The construction and demolition waste generated through redevelopment process are required to be utilized as resources to not only reduce the cost of construction but to also help the movement of pollution control.

The National Workshop was organized by BMTPC jointly with Centre for Fly Ash Research and Management (C-FARM), New Delhi in association with Indian Building Congress, Builders' Association of India and IL&FS Academy of Applied Development. The programme was attended by more than 110 participants from research and academic institutions, government organizations, municipal corporations, etc.