

## **Seminar on 'Curbing Counterfeiting and Smuggling – An Imperative for Indian Economy'**

**26th November 2012, Bhopal**

As a part of its Pan India campaign FICCI CASCADE organized a seminar on “Curbing Counterfeiting and Smuggling – An Imperative for Indian Economy” at Bhopal to generate awareness amongst consumers, industries and enforcement agencies. Hon’ble Minister of Finance, Madhya Pradesh; Shri Raghavji, Mr. Govind Goyal, Vice President Federation of Madhya Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Dinesh Prajapati, Editor, Upbhokta ,Mr. M N Buch, Advisor Editor, Bare Truth ,Mr. M R Krishna , ADG, CID Bhopal and Dr. D K Verma, Commissioner, Customs & Excise, Bhopal were the dignitaries present. The seminar was attended by over 100 delegates hailing from the local industry, industry chambers as well as consumer rights organisation. An extensive overview was delivered to the gathering about the ‘disastrous effects of counterfeiting and smuggling on the Indian economy in the form of health and safety risks to the consumers and public at large. Based on their experiences and knowledge, the esteemed guests, highlighted the problems and the necessity and urgency to curb the menace and its ill effects on the trade especially in the tobacco/ cigarettes in Madhya Pradesh. The importance of the seminar was highlighted and examples were cited that demonstrated the lack of enforcement of trademarks and copyrights and its effect on the trade and manufactures. It was agreed that there is an urgent need for a conjoint effort, whether it is the enforcement agencies or FICCI or custom officials or general public, to work together to curb the menace of counterfeiting and smuggling.