

**Interactive Session with Mr. I.R. Perumal, Principal Secretary, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka on Swine Flu (H1N1) Virus – Friday, August 14, 2009**



From L to R: Mr. T S Sampath Kumar, Secretary General, BCIC; Mr. Shekar Viswanathan, Vice President, BCIC; Mr. I R Perumal, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept. GoK; Mr. T R Parasuraman, Chairman, Industry and Manufacturing Expert Committee, BCIC

Mr. I.R. Perumal, Principal Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Dept., Government of Karnataka was the Chief Guest at the Interactive Session held on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 on 'H1N1 Virus' organized by the Bangalore Chamber of Industry and Commerce (BCIC).

After hearing the views of the Members present at the gathering, Mr. Perumal made it very clear that there is no need to panic and the Government is fully geared up to meet any eventuality. He said that at present International Air Passengers are being screened and the epidemic is very much under control. He appealed to the participants to follow some basic protective measures and all these measures have already been widely publicized in both the Print and Electronic Media.

Some of the Industry Representatives who participated at the Interactive session mentioned about various initiatives and steps undertaken in their companies regarding the above Virus.

Earlier, Mr. Shekar Viswanathan, Vice President, BCIC welcomed the gathering and said that since it is an important issue to the Industry and the Public, the Chamber decided to organize this Interactive Session at a very short notice and he is overwhelmed by the good turnout and expressed his sincerest thanks and gratefulness to the Principal Secretary for having agreed to address the gathering. Mr. T.R. Parasuraman, Chairman of Industry and Manufacturing Expert Committee of the BCIC earlier made a presentation highlighting the salient features of the H1N1 virus and appealed to all the participants not to get panicky and reiterated that it is not a deadly virus and could be cured with simple precautions and adequate medicare. He also thanked Mr. Perumal on behalf of the Chamber for readily agreeing to address the session at a very short

notice and particularly, Mr. M.K. Ramachandra, Senior Member and Past President of the Chamber for taking this initiative.