SRINAGAR, July 9: A group of 18 participants attending the 3-day Cross-LoC Trade Conference here, called on N. N. Vohra, Governor Jammu and Kashmir, at Raj Bhavan, this evening.

The Conference, titled “Cross LoC Trade, Regional Development: Opportunities and Challenges”, is being organized by the Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, a New Delhi-based NGO, with a view to exploring the future possibilities and opportunities of the trade and bringing together the stakeholders from both sides of the LoC.

Briefing the Governor about the issues to be deliberated upon during the Conference, Sushobha Barve, Executive Director, Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, New Delhi, said that the stakeholders will assess the socio-economic impact of the Cross LOC trade over the past 4 years and bring about greater synergy between the traders and the concerned Government Departments for the smooth conduct of the trade.

The delegation discussed several suggestions in regard to the promotion of Cross LoC Trade.

Barve and other members of the delegation thanked the Governor for taking keen interest in the promotion of Cross LoC Trade ever since its establishment in October 2008, during the period of Governor’s Rule.

Those who met the Governor included Raja Muhammad Jamil, President, Bhimber Chamber of Commerce; Sardar Kashan Masood Khan, President, Council of Cross LoC Trade, Rawalakote; Najma H. Rauf, Consultant; Pirzada Syed Zafar Iqbal, President, Muzaffarabad Chamber of Commerce; Mubarak Mehmood Awan, Member, Muzaffarabad Chamber; Zulfikar Abbasi, former President, Joint Chamber of Commerce, Bagh; Hamad Razzaq, Cross LoC Trader, Hajira; Rashid Hussain Malik, MD Pakistan Mining Company-Fatima Group; Sardar Sagheer Khan, Cross LoC Trader, Kotli; Shah Akhtar Husain, Cross LoC Trader, Hajira; Anil Suri, President, Federation of Industries, Jammu; Y. V. Sharma, President, Jammu Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Mubeen Shah, President, JKJCCI, Srinagar, and Pradeep Sehgal, Partner, Sinochem Impex, Aitsar.

Navin K. Choudhary, Principal Secretary to the Governor, was present on the occasion.