

**Chairman's Pen**

*My dear fellow exporters,*

*The engineering scenario is under considerable strain despite the rebounding of total exports on point to point basis. During 2009-10, from the data that is available with us, the share of engineering exports to total exports seems to have fallen from 21.9% in 2008-09 to below 20% in some months of the current fiscal year.*

*In such a scenario I do feel that there is a need to support engineering exporters by ensuring that the cost of credit which has begun to harden is kept in check through certain measures such interest subvention. I will also echo the views of the Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Anand Sharma in requesting the Finance Minister to consider the inclusion of the engineering sector in the interest subvention scheme.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aman Chadha'.

(AMAN CHADHA)