

**Chairman's Pen**

*My dear fellow exporters,*

*EEPC India has requested the Government to look into the Export Statistics given in commerce.nic.in website of the Department of Commerce and its Monthly Press Releases as it is difficult to understand the Export Statistics.*

*The Department of Commerce System on Foreign Trade Performance Analysis (FTPA) dealing with "export of principal commodities groups" states that the total commodities exported for the period April-September 2008 is US\$ 96183.24 million. This data is dated November 17, 2009, the date on which Council has taken the figure from the commerce.nic.in website. The data source given is DGCIS Kolkata.*

*On 3rd November, 2009, the Department of Commerce issued a Press Release on India's Foreign Trade for the month of September 2009. In this Press Release the exports for April-September 2008 is mentioned as US\$ 108907 million. The Press Release, of course, mentions that this export includes re-exports which is not mentioned in the FTPA Analysis. Interestingly, this amount of US\$ 108,974.20 million is shown as the export figures for the period April-October 2009 in the FTPA Analysis.*

*Accordingly, EEPC India has requested the Government to ensure synchronization between the monthly Press Releases issued by the Department of Commerce announcing the export figures with the FTPA Analysis on the Website. If the divergence between the figures is because of the inclusion of re-exports in the monthly Press Releases and is not taken into account in the FTPA, then it would help if this could be specifically mentioned in the FTPA analysis.*

*Yours sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aman Chadha'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

(AMAN CHADHA)