

**Chairman's Pen**

*My dear fellow exporters,*

*The new Foreign Trade Policy 2009-14 was announced by the Hon'ble Union Commerce & Industry Minister, Shri Anand Sharma on August 27, 2009 in New Delhi. You are aware that a large number of measures that were suggested by EEPC INDIA to the various Ministries and senior Government Officials have been incorporated both in the Union Budget and the new Foreign Trade Policy. Despite the efforts, there are still many other areas where further reforms and procedural improvements are required. Council has prepared some suggestions that is being forwarded to the Government for the benefit of its consideration.*

*Some of the measures that are being taken with the Government include, among others, are reversal of 15% value addition on Advance Authorization Scheme. Engineering sector is the most employment intensive segment of India's organized industry. Council suggests that to include engineering as "Priority Sector" under Chapter 1B of the Foreign Trade Policy so that certain Special Focus Initiative can be provided to the engineering sector. With regard to Directorate of Trade Remedy measures, it is felt that the guidelines of the Directorate should be made user friendly and EPCs like EEPC India should be used as a platform to disseminate information with respect to such trade remedy instruments given that engineering industry is one of the major sectors that suffers from countervailing measures imposed by trade partners. We have suggested including some more items in the FPS/Market linked Focus Product Scheme. Also, while major Latin American countries have been included in the FMS, however Brazil has not been included. EEPC India suggests to include Brazil in the FMS.*

*Yours sincerely,*

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

(AMAN CHADHA)