

Chairman's Pen



My dear fellow exporters,

It is heartening to note that increase in engineering exports has helped in arresting the decline in the share of manufacturing sector in India's total exports. The share of manufactured products in India's total exports has fallen from 77.9% in 2000-01 to 69.9% in 2005-06. According to a media report this would have been worse but for a rapid rise in engineering exports whose share in total exports has increased sharply from 13.6% in 1995-96 to 20.9% in 2005-06.

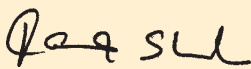
Your Council is organizing its 13th Indian Industrial Products and Technology Exposition (INDEE-2006) in Cairo, Egypt from 23rd to 26th November 2006. Egypt has traditionally been one of India's most important trading partners in the African continent. India exported engineering items worth US\$ 145.58 million at the growth rate of 53% compared to engineering exports of US\$ 95.37 million in 2004-05. More than 100 member firms have already booked their participation in the show and we expect to hold a very successful exhibition.

Council's Northern Region successfully concluded its Award Function for the year 2004-05 on 16th October in New Delhi. On this occasion Shri G. K. Pillai, Commerce Secretary awarded 49 meritorious exporters from the region for their excellent export performance. While addressing the gathering he again reiterated on giving high priority to exports and focusing on reducing transaction costs for exporters. I congratulate all the award winners for their sincere efforts and contribution in pushing overall engineering exports from India.

The Western Region office of the Council organised a one day conference on Engineering Industry and doing business with America in association with Indian Chamber of Commerce. During the deliberations, challenges, and opportunities of doing business with USA were explored and participants also exchanges successes and notes on enterprises operating in America. USA is our biggest trading partner and nearly 14% of total engineering exports reached American shore in 2005-06.

I extend my hearty greetings to all of you on the occasion of Deepawali and Eid. May the coming year be very joyous and prosperous for everyone.

Yours sincerely,


(RAKESH SHAH)