

## From Chairman's Pen



*My dear fellow exporters,*

*Friends, it is a matter of great pride that Council's 12th Engineering Exhibition, INDEE is going to be inaugurated in Mexico City on 12th October by Shri E. V. K. S. Elangovan, Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, India. Nearly 172 companies from Large, Medium and Small Scale Sector are participating in this mega event. They will be showcasing auto/bicycle parts, chemical plant & machinery, electric power equipment & parts, electrical appliances, hand/small/cutting tools, industrial machinery, scientific & surgical instruments, sewing machine & parts, stainless steel utensils, steel & steel based products, tractors & agricultural equipment etc.*

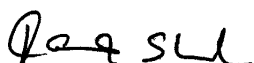
*We are also organizing India Pavilion in the Asian International Exhibition of Textile Machinery, IITMA Asia 2005. This is scheduled to be held in Singapore from 17th to 21st October, 2005 and six companies are participating in the Exhibition. This is going to be excellent opportunity for textile machinery manufacturers and exporters to explore new markets and expand their business.*

*Council's office in Johannesburg, South Africa is fully functional now. With the emergence of South Africa as a leading business partner in the African Region, the office is going to play a very strategic role to promote engineering exports in this continent.*

*Giving a temporary relief to the exporters, the Government has extended the Duty Entitlement Passbook (DEPB) Scheme for 3 months till 31st December, 2005 as the new duty neutralization scheme is still being worked out. The new reimbursement scheme is expected to compensate exporters for State level taxes, including octroi, cess on diesel and electricity duty etc.*

*I extend my hearty greetings to all of you on the joyous occasion of Vijayadashami.*

*Yours sincerely,*

  
(RAKESH SHAH)