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D.O.No.10 (1)/2020-Coord

Dated: the 12th May, 2020

Dear Sir,

With reference to D.O. letter No.502/1/2/2014-CA-V dated August 5, 2014 of Cabinet Secretary, the following significant activities in the Department of Heavy Industry (DHI) for the month of April, 2020 are highlighted:

1. A Video Conference (VC) meeting was held on 30th April 2020 under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister (HI&PE), Shri Prakash Javadekar, in the presence of Hon'ble Minister of State, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and the undersigned, with a group of select CEOs of the Indian Automobile Industry. The endeavour was to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the Indian Automobile sector and obtain suggestions from the Industry on possible policy interventions to minimise the impact and revive the sector. The meeting had representation from the OEMs and the Auto Component sector. The Industry highlighted key issues, with suggestions related to re-opening of the entire Automotive Industry value chain, support for dealerships, employment support interventions, boosting demand and the requirement for financial support. These suggestions have been sent to the concerned Ministries for further action.
2. Hon'ble Minister (HI&PE) chaired a meeting to discuss the "Status of Electric Buses sanctioned under FAME India Scheme" on 15th April, 2020. Hon'ble Minister noted the progress on Electric Buses sanctioned under this Scheme.
3. Hon'ble Minister (HI&PE) and the undersigned reviewed the actions undertaken by BHEL for reducing India's import dependence (in technology, manufacturing, etc.) and to collaborate with global OEMs for setting up manufacturing base in India under Hon'ble Prime Minister's *Make in India* initiative.
4. I met the CEOs of the CII Smart Manufacturing and Industry 4.0 Council through video-conferencing. They made some useful suggestions during their presentation. CII is part of the Department's initiative on creating awareness and technical solutions for smart manufacturing in India, as part of the Department's ongoing efforts on promoting the adoption of Industry 4.0 by the manufacturing sector to improve efficiency and productivity.

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5. As technology is a bottleneck in the capital goods sector and R&D investments have been low, I have initiated a process of setting up a manufacturing technology and innovation platform for finding technology solutions for industry bottlenecks through virtual networks of manufacturing experts, technology students, academia and the industry. This effort aims at kick starting an eco-system for innovation and finding solutions for the needs of the manufacturing sector. As part of this initiative, I reviewed the progress being made by CMTI, BHEL, ICAT, ARAI and HMT in ideating the platform and setting it up as pilots. These institutions hope to set up platforms in the next six months.

6. An Expression of Interest (EoI) has been floated by BHEL to attract Global OEMs for manufacturing partnerships under Make in India. This will help the company to synergize its core capabilities and strengths with the global OEMs in the fields of heavy electrical equipment, process plant equipment, other capital goods equipment, solar value chain, LCD panels, Li-ion cells, transportation equipment, defence & aerospace, etc.

7. BHEL has entered into Strategic Tie ups by signing Manufacturing Association Agreements (MAA) with ventilator manufacturers, M/s AgVa Healthcare (on 29 April 2020) and M/s AB Industries (on 30 April 2020). Under the MAA, BHEL will be extending its manufacturing facilities for manufacturing, assembly and testing of ventilators due to COVID-19 situation in the country.

8. The various instructions and guidelines issued by the M/o Home Affairs & DoP&T regarding preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 have been strictly followed in the Department of Heavy Industry and its CPSEs. The instructions issued by DoP&T regarding the effective use of the 'Aarogyasetu' app by all the officers and staff for breaking the chain of transmission of COVID-19, are also being followed in the Department. As a measure of abundant precaution, hand sanitizers and face masks are being supplied to all staff and officials of the Department. All the rooms of the Department are being regularly sanitized.

9. To facilitate 'Work from Home' (WFH), the Virtual Private Network was provided to 117 officers and staff of the Department, thus ensuring that all officials could work from home successfully during the lockdown via e-office and work was not adversely affected. I would like to inform you that 98% of our Department's working receipts is covered by e-office.

10. The Revival and Mill Development Plan of Nepa Ltd, which was stopped due to the lockdown, has been resumed with stringent COVID related precautions after receiving permission from the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh a few days ago.

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11. During the month, the following CPSEs commenced operation post-lockdown, after obtaining approval of the respective State Governments: Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), Bharat Pumps and Compressors Limited (BPCL), Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Limited (REIL) , Andrew Yule Company Limited (Tea Gardens), BHEL (7 Units), HMT groups(4 units) and Cement Corporation of India (3 units), Braithwaite, Burns and Jessops(BBJ) and Bridge and Roof (B&R) started their works on some projects.

12. In view of the Cabinet Secretariat's direction dated 12-01-2017 vide D.O letter No.1/50/1/2017-Cab, the status of ACC directions/ orders, as per the prescribed format, is given as under:

S.No.	Subject	Gist of Decision	Status of Implementation
		-Nil-	

With regards,

Yours sincerely


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