

**Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Development Council for Textile Machinery Industry (DCTMI) held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the Conference Room No. 172 'Kaustubham', Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Development Council for Textile Machinery Industry (DCTMI) was held on 29.3.2011 in the Conference Room no. 172 'Kaustubham', Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Shri Harbhajan Singh, Joint Secretary Department of Heavy Industry and Member Secretary, DCTMI. The list of DCMTI members and special invitees who attended the meeting is at Annexure-I

2. Welcoming the participants of Development Council of Textile Machinery Industry (DCMTI), the Chairman briefly explained the present status of the 'Scheme of Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Capital Goods Sector'. Textile Machinery, one of the sub-sectors of capital goods sector, was considered by Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC), Ministry of Finance and the Department was advised to re-submit the revised documents for meeting the requirements of the CG Sector for consideration in the 12<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. For preparation of the required document, the Department has decided to undertake study of the sub-sectors of capital goods sector through a consultant. The 'draft scope of work' for the study has already been circulated to all stakeholders for their inputs / view-points. Earlier, 'vision document' for capital goods sector was prepared by CII and subsequently vetted by IL&FS. He further informed about Joint Working Group meeting held at Coimbatore in March 2011 and requested the industry to prepare vision document for further development of Textile Machinery Industry and firm up the proposal so that another meeting could be held in first quarter of 2011-12.

3. It was mentioned that a Joint Working Group on Textile Machinery Industry has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Harbhajan Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Heavy Industry

and Member Secretary, DCTMI especially to prepare the comprehensive paper identifying the action plan along with appropriate strategies that have to be devised in consultation with the stake holders. The Group would work as task force by consulting all concerned stakeholders for their considered comments / views /suggestions on factual basis across the industry.

3. Mr. N.S. Sodhi representing M/s. Gherzi, the consultant company who is proposed to undertake the study on Textile Machinery industry, as requested by TMMA and ITAMMA, made a detailed presentation on preparation of the 'Vision Document 2020 for sustained Growth of Textile Machinery Industry'. The major subjects covered were current status of Indian textile machinery industry in global context, approach, methodology, schedule, resource, budget, competence, etc. It was mentioned that the projected demand of textile machinery in India during 2010-11 was of the order of Rs.10,000 crore out of which 55% of the requirements would be met from local machinery industry. The prevailing trend in global textile machinery industry indicates that there was a recovery in investment in textile machinery industry since 2009-10 and the major shift was towards the Asian countries with India dominating in the power-loom sector. The methodology adopted included analysis of present status of industry vis-a-vis world on market size, sectoral constraints, benchmarking of technology, R&D, policy & incentives, SWOT analysis, quality control assurance, strategy & action plan, skill gaps, role of private sector, etc.

4. On specific query from the Chair, it was indicated that the report will be ready after three months of signing the MOU. The members present in the meeting opined that the scope of the study is limited to conventional textile machinery namely spinning machinery, processing machinery, knitting machinery, weaving machinery and textile testing/monitoring instruments. It does not include synthetic fibre machinery, garmenting & ginning machinery, machinery for the manufacture of technical textile, jute machinery, power loom, etc. It was agreed to include the said machineries in

the scope of study. Shri Anuj Bhagwati , Chairman TMMA was requested to sign an MOU with M/s. Gherzi by 11-04-2011. Mr. N.S. Sodhi agreed to submit the preliminary report during first week of May'11. Regarding fee of the consultant it was mentioned that the same will come out later after finalisation of scope of work. Regarding part funding of the proposed study by the DHI as pointed out by TMMA, it was indicated that the same will be considered subject to the availability of the funds.

5. Members present in the meeting expressed concern over import of second hand looms under TUF scheme as it costs half the price of the new machines. They have no objection if the import is for high-end technology shuttleless looms which are not made in the country. It was informed that the issue of import of second hand textile machineries is already under consideration.

6. The Chairman expressed serious concern on the present status of handlooms in some parts of UP and other states. It needs attention of textile machinery manufacturers as majority of the people in this sector are deprived of having handlooms with innovative & upgraded technology with appropriate mechanisation. As handlooms are looked after by Development Commissioner (Handloom), it was felt that a separate meeting could be held with Development Commissioner (Handloom) for taking necessary steps for the improvement of Handlooms.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks to the Chair.

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## Annexure-I

### List of participants

1. Shri Harbhajan Singh, Joint Secretary Department of Heavy Industry -  
**in Chair**
2. Shri S.K. Singh, Dy. Secretary, DHI
3. Shri A.K. Khullar, Jt. Adviser, Planning Commission
4. Smt. Arti Kanwar, Dy. Jt. Commissioner, O/o Jute Commissioner
5. Shri R.K. Vashisht, Under Secretary, M/o Textiles
6. Shri Sushil Lakra, Industrial Adviser, DHI
7. Shri N.L. Goswami, DHI, Sr. Dev. Officer DHI
8. Shri R.K. Jaiswal Dev. Officer, DHI
9. Shri Ajay Kumar Agarwal, Under Secretary, DHI
10. Smt. Savita Gupta, GM, IDBI Bank Ltd.
11. Shri Anuj Bhagwati, Chairman, TMMA
12. Dr. K. Selvaraju, SIMA
13. Shri Prakash K. Bhagwati, InspirOn Engg. Pvt Ltd.
14. Shri Anirudh Kajaraia, Lagan Engg. Co. Ltd, Kolkata

15. Shri T. Parabrahmdn, Kirloskar Toyoda
16. Shri Navdeep Singh Sodhi, Gherzi Textile Org.
17. Shri Shripad Joshi, Gherzi Textile Org.