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Dear Shri Gauba,

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 October, 2019 are highlighted:

1. I chaired a meeting with a Japanese delegation, led by Mr Yoji Ueda, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Economic and Industry (METI), Japan, on 22/10/2019 to discuss current policies pertaining to electric vehicles of both countries.
2. I chaired a meeting of the Main Committee to consider project proposals related to development of the automobile sector under the Grant for Development Council on Automobile & Allied Industries (DCAAI) on 18/10/2019, wherein proposals worth Rs 13 crores were approved.
3. I led a delegation to the Czech Republic from 7-11 October, 2019 to participate at the MSV International Engineering Fair at Brno. Besides the stall of the Department, there were about 60 Indian companies which participated in the fair. After inaugurating the Indian representation at the trade fair, I held bilateral discussions with H.E. Karel Havlicek, Czech Deputy PM, who also holds the Trade and Industry portfolio, and his high-level team of officers. I also chaired an 'India Investment Meet', during which investment opportunities in the heavy engineering and manufacturing sector in India were presented to the Czech and European investors. The Indian Ambassador, my counterpart in the Czech Government and the Czech Industry Associations also participated as speakers at this meet. A meeting of the Indo-Czech Joint Working Group on Heavy Engineering & Advanced Manufacturing was also held during this visit. I also visited major Czech companies in the engineering and auto sectors, as well as the two largest technical universities with whom our R&D Institutes can collaborate for our mutual benefit. The visit brought out the keen interest of the Czech Government, corporate sector and academia in forging a deeper engagement with India. Based on mutual interest and complementarities, I have recommended to the Foreign Secretary for favourable consideration of the Czech interest in a Strategic Partnership with India.
4. I inaugurated a metal-cutting gas plant, with capacity of 1900 kgs, at BHEL, Bhopal on 16 October 2019. This is the first such industrial set-up for metal cutting in this capacity range in India.
5. AS&FA chaired an inter-ministerial meeting on 09/10/2019 with a Chinese delegation, led by Mr Jun Gong, who is Chairman of the Board of Shanghai E-drive, as well as part of various technology and research organizations and committees working on new energy alternatives in China, to discuss issues related to the New Energy Vehicle Industry and to

- explore possible technological collaboration between Chinese and Indian Companies as well as to attract investment in this field.
6. Joint Secretary (Auto) chaired a meeting with e-bus OEMs and operators on 14/10/2019 to discuss various issues related to RFPs floated by CTUs/STUs for deployment of e-buses sanctioned by DHI under FAME India Scheme Phase II.
 7. Joint Secretary (Auto) chaired the 1st meeting of the Screening Committee on 16/10/2019 for scrutiny of proposals received in response to an EoI dated 28/08/2019 inviting proposals for availing incentives under FAME II Scheme for deployment of EV charging infrastructure within cities.
 8. Guidelines for GST Concession Certificate for purchase of vehicles by persons with physical disability were revised, in consultation with stakeholders, to facilitate availing of concessions by them. With the issue of these guidelines, the process has been simplified for persons with disability, especially those with right leg disability or those who use the vehicle with assistance of a driver.
 9. The CCEA, in its meeting held on 13.02.2019, had approved the process of reinitiating the strategic disinvestment of EPIL to an incorporated entity or a company (including CPSEs). The PIM/EoI was issued on 29.06.2019; the last date for receipt of bids was 13th August 2019, which was extended up to 13th September, 2019. No response was received, and the TA's request for further extension was not approved.
 10. The Liquidator for HPC has filed an interlocutory application against Union of India & Ors in NCLT and has prayed for (i) extension of time for submission of the scheme of compromise or arrangement for the corporate debtor under section 230 of the Companies Act, 2013 by a period of 90 days, with effect from 28.08.2019, till 25.11.2019, with a direction for commencing the liquidation process after 25-11.2019, in case the compromise or arrangement under Section 230 is not completed, (ii) directing GOI to release funds amounting to Rs 13 crores per month required to keep the corporate debtor as a going concern for the period or timelines for scheme of compromise or arrangement. The case is now listed for hearing on 18th November, 2019.
 11. The Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP), under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, has also been initiated against Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL), one of the subsidiaries of Hindustan Paper Corporation (HPC) in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Chennai and transferred to the Kochi bench. The next hearing of the matter in NCLT, Kochi is also on 18th November, 2019. The Govt. of Kerala has filed an application in NCLT, Kochi to implead itself as a party in the NCLT proceedings and to permit them to formulate a proposal for taking over and reviving the Corporate Debtor (HNL). A reference in this regard has also been made by the Kerala Government to the liquidator for HPC.
 12. "National Conference on AUSC Technology" was organized on 30-31 October 2019 at Hyderabad which was spearheaded by BHEL, along with IGCAR and NTPC Ltd., to showcase work and knowledge sharing on the AUSC technology development programme under the clean coal power generation initiative.
 13. BHEL received homologation certificate for its 12 meter Electric Bus from the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT), Manesar on 4 October 2019.
 14. BHEL has been enlisted with NTPC Ltd. for Electric Bus and EV Chargers.
 15. BHEL showcased its capabilities in the 'Nuclear Energy Conclave' organized by India Energy Forum on 18 October 2019.

16. Vigilance Awareness Week was observed in all CPSEs from 28 October to 2 November 2019 on the theme "Integrity – A way of life" (ईमानदारी – एक जीवन शैली) during which various events were organized across the companies.
17. "Rashtriya Ekta Diwas" was observed in BHEL on the occasion of the 144th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31 October 2019. Employees of BHEL also participated in the 'Run for Unity' event in New Delhi.
18. A workshop was organized in Delhi on 18-19 October 2019 facilitated by McKinsey, in which the top leadership of BHEL, comprising the CMD, Functional Directors and senior executives participated. The workshop, named "PRATIBIMB", involved introspective review of important issues confronting the organization.
19. On 20 October 2019, over 300 BHEL employees along with CMD, BHEL participated in the Airtel Delhi Half Marathon 2019 event in various categories with an objective of spreading awareness on health, environment and other social causes.
20. The Noida Township of BHEL was declared as 'Single Use Plastic free' zone after audit by M/s Bureau Veritas (India) Pvt. Ltd.
21. 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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