

GDP growth at 4.5% in Q3 FY13

NEW DELHI, February 28, 2013: The GDP numbers released for the Q3 of 2012-13 puts forth the persisting gloomy situation in the economy. The growth estimated at 4.5% for Q3 2012-13, is much below the 6.0% registered in Q3 last fiscal and 5.3% in Q2 of this financial year.

“Though some initial signs of optimism were indicated in the declining inflation numbers and a mild upturn was seen in exports, current GDP data has once again come as a mood dampener. It reaffirms the fact that we might just record a growth of 5.0% this financial year”, said Ms Naina Lal Kidwai, President, FICCI.

The sector wise data indicates that the performance of agriculture and the services sector remained subdued, though a mild upturn was indicated in the manufacturing sector growth. The agriculture sector growth was 1.1% in Q3 FY13 (vis-à-vis 1.2% growth in Q2 FY13). The manufacturing sector registered a growth of 2.5% (vis-à-vis 0.8% growth in Q2 FY13). Further, all the sub segments of the services segment recorded a decline in Q3 FY13 vis-à-vis Q2 FY13.

With the Budget maintaining a balanced act and laying focus on the need for promoting investments and especially in the infrastructure sector, FICCI hopes that going ahead, it will be possible to achieve the aspiration of returning to a high growth path. At the same time it will be vital to remain focused on the reform process as only then will the projected 6.1 to 6.7% GDP growth would be achievable.