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From the Secretary General

The Prime Minister of India, Mr Narendra Modi has often shared his vision of building a new Atmanirbhar Bharat by the year 2022 to mark 75 glorious years of India's Independence- a new India that will merge the best of tradition with a modern, global outlook.

In a landmark initiative, the Government of India organised the India Toy Fair 2021 this month in partnership with FICCI and other industry bodies. FICCI as the industry partner for the Fair has been supporting the fair by mobilizing exhibitors and anchoring many sessions and activities. The CEOs' presence was a highlight of the event.

CEOs noted that undue delays with factory audits mean that global toy companies will be unable to sell their new products with the QCO license. The FICCI Toy Committee has requested for audits, physical or virtual, of foreign toy manufacturers to be started at the earliest. Minister Piyush Goyal announced that the charges for BIS certification would be reduced. Mr Jairam Thakur, Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh announced to set up a toy cluster in Himachal Pradesh.

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In the run-up to the new FTP, several member-associations have submitted that there is a need to boost exports (both merchandise and services) through systematically addressing domestic and external constraints related to the policy and regulatory/ operational framework. FICCI has therefore, requested to continue the Export Promotion Schemes in the new FTP, that would substantially benefit the MSME Sector, among others.

The Expo Dubai India pavilion delegation, led by Indian Ambassador to the UAE and Consul General, visited UAE earlier this month. FICCI is the industry partner of the Indian government for its participation in the World Expo.

The India Pavilion at the World Expo in Dubai will showcase the best of India at a greater level. It will open huge opportunities for the world to engage with India as a nation of multiple resources and innovations in arts and cultures, industrial manufacturing, knowledge-based capabilities, economic growth, traditional properties, and the great Indian cuisine. The Pavilion also will initiate seamless possibilities of investing in India for visitors of the Expo and investors from around the world.

We seek the support of Indian business leaders to make Expo Dubai's India Pavilion a huge success.

Dilip Chenoy

Suggestions for Development of MSME Sector

It is suggested that every tax invoice raised by GST registered MSME unit, should reflect automatically on the respective TReDS platform where the MSME unit is registered. After the delivery of Services or Goods, within a certain number of days, the corporate must accept or reject the automatically published MSME's invoice. After that period, the published MSME's tax invoice should be deemed accepted and should be available for banks to provide fund to MSMEs. If the corporate rejects any invoice, a mandatory clarification must be sought, which should be visible to banks & respective MSME unit. Reporting of delayed payment to MSEs by corporate could be crucial for swift payment to MSEs. We suggest that Chartered Accountants/ Auditors should be issued guidelines to report all the delayed/ pending payment to MSEs (beyond 45 days & lack of specific payment contract) during the year in the annual report of the corporate in a separate section. This mandatory reporting in the annual report would encourage corporates to pay the MSEs on time. Besides, this reporting does not create any additional operational burden on corporate per se, as Auditors normally verify every invoice and respective payment during the year being audited. This was submitted to Secretary, Ministry of MSME, Government of India.

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Inputs on Demand of Grants 2021-22 of Ministry of MSME for Parliamentary Standing Committee on Industry

Government should establish International Alliances for Technology Transfer with various developed and developing countries that give high priority to innovation and technology. This institutional mechanism will enable knowledge exchange on latest technologies, thereby facilitating innovation driven entrepreneurship in the country. Our Technology Centres can play an important role in this mechanism. We also propose that Government should introduce specific nomenclature for identifying women enterprises and subsequently announcing incentives for them like interest subvention, incentive in corporate tax/ income tax. Defining minimum stake in an enterprise could be one of the criteria. This would also encourage banks to provide more funds to women owned businesses which generally have better record in terms of re-payment of a loan. Besides, it is also suggested that Interest subvention across all MSMEs should be increased to the extent of

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minimum 4% and till 2021-22 to allow the industries to come out of the present turmoil created by this pandemic. Not only will this help MSME accounts from becoming NPA but also further encourage MSMEs to modernise their businesses. This was submitted to Additional Director, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament of India.

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1) Note on Doing Business with Russia

2) Note on Indo-Russia Joint Technology Assessment and Accelerated Commercialization Program for Ministry of MSME to look into the possibility to further support the programme

Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) management system is one of the key components of a country's overall environmental and resource efficiency framework. Inefficient MSW treatment in Russia is causing negative environmental impact, and results in suboptimal use of raw materials and energy. If Russia optimizes its MSW management policy and implements modern technologies, by 2025 it could fully shift towards environmentally friendly MSW management system and recover up to 45% of waste. As a result, by 2025 more than 200 metric tons of MSW would be recovered into raw materials and energy instead of landfilling. This would require investing up to €40 billion and would generate additional €2 billion in revenues from recoverable fractions. This is a huge opportunity for Indian companies that should be tapped. This was submitted to Under Secretary, Ministry of MSME.

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Suggestions on Subordinate Debt Scheme for Stressed MSMEs

According to the data shared by the MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari in a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, as on 04 February 2021, only 272 MSMEs have availed this scheme to avail total amount of INR 30.84 Crore. After the launch in June 2020, this number shows that enterprises are not aware about the scheme and hence, it is suggested that an awareness should be created at a large scale. The last date, which at present is 31 March 2021, should also be extended by, at least, six months. The cap of 15% of promoter's stake is too less in case of Micro and Small Enterprises. Hence, it should be increased to at least 50% or INR 75 lakh, whichever is lower. It is suggested that the guarantee fee of 1.5% needs to be reviewed/ reduced or this fee should be fully borne by the lending institutions as they would be the beneficiaries of the guarantee cover. Also, Government could consider extending interest subvention of 2% on loans under this scheme to provide relief to the borrowers/ promoters. This was submitted to Additional Secretary & Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME.

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Industry Issues and Recommendations for Renewable Energy Sector

A representation was submitted by FICCI to MNRE on the current issues and recommendations of the Renewable Energy Sector. The points covered in the representation are briefly mentioned below:

1) Current Bid out Projects

- A mechanism to have the PSAs signed for the already bid out projects should be developed so that the projects are started on time and the commissioning is not delayed. Around 19 GW of ISTS renewable energy projects are waiting for the PSAs to be signed.
- Current PPAs/ existing agreements should be grandfathered from all the disruptive changes happening as we move from the contemporary to the modern distribution sector.

2) Average pooling of tariff on annual basis for PSAs

With every subsequent bid the tariff goes down and the Discoms that have signed PSAs for the previous bids feel that the power is being sold to them at a higher tariff and therefore, the contract is not honoured by the Discoms. The average pooling tariff concept will remove cherry picking of bids by the Discoms.

3) Power Procurement Approval

- Power procurement approvals are delayed for the already bid out projects. Delay in signing PSA due to non-power procurement approval is one of the biggest concerns of developers. A mechanism of advance planning by the States and SECI is needed to ensure power procurement approvals are provided before the bids are tendered.

4) Discom Reforms

- Early achievement of RPO targets should also be incentivized through suitable measures.
- Need to expedite notification of the New Tariff Policy for ensuring viability of the sector.
- Privatization of the wires business of the high loss making Discoms may kindly be investigated towards improving the financial viability of the sector.

5) Transmission Availability Risk

- Transmission utilities need to be held accountable for not meeting deadlines of providing connectivity to renewable energy projects.

6) ISTS charges waiver

- The government should provide full clarity in respect of bids that get delayed beyond June 2023 to make these bids ISTS free/ non ISTS charges tagged bids, which means that a bid expected before June 2023 but delayed should also enjoy ISTS waiver beyond June 2023 (the deadline for ISTS waiver coming

to an end). A notification should be released by the Government clarifying the above.

7) Manufacturing

- Export subsidy under MEIS should be enhanced from the current 2% to 10% to promote exports of solar modules.
- A long-term manufacturing support policy with guaranteed market demand will encourage existing companies to expand their cells and module manufacturing capacity as well as encourage new players in the domestic solar manufacturing space.

8) Inter-State Open Access

Virtual PPA is purely a bilateral contract between a developer and a corporate who wants to complete its RPO. The offtaker is using the virtual PPA to complete its obligations and not for trading it on the platform. Since these kinds of contracts are deriving their value from sale in power exchange, there is a risk of classifying them as electricity derivative. But these contracts should not be treated as derivative contracts as these are not traded and so there is no need for these contracts to be regulated by CERC or SEBI. It should be treated purely as bilateral contract.

9) Hydrogen Energy

- There should be additional allocation in the PLI scheme for hydrogen that would be crucial to support the local manufacturing for electrolyzers and fuel cells.
- Government should focus on RTC tenders where hydrogen could be used to meet the base load.
- RPO for hydrogen energy should also be considered. This would encourage hydrogen projects and give a boost to the National Hydrogen Energy Mission.

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FICCI's Representation on the Supplementary Proposals for Amendment of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in relation to coal/ lignite

FICCI made a Representation regarding Supplementary Proposals for Amendment of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 in relation to coal/ lignite to Mr M Nagaraju, Additional Secretary & Nominated Authority, Ministry of Coal, Government of India.

The following are the key points of the recommendation:

- (1) To ensure level playing field, it was proposed to have equivalent benchmark of royalty payable as additional amount towards sale of 50% coal/ lignite for the subject category (i)
- (2) For the provision of surrendering the mine with nominal penalty,

while the bidders have already suffered capital loss for Capex, land acquisition cost, PBG, etc., therefore, putting high penalty will only make the situation worsen.

- (3) The recent concluded auction of commercial coal mines has made Captive coal blocks unviable due to significant higher premium. Ministry of Coal must derive some scientific way for making the premium like commercial coal mines auctioned in Tranche-1. Further, premium must be linked with NCI.

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Harmonizing tax rules for smooth migration of Industries in the State from erstwhile incentive schemes

Goods and Services Tax (GST), a radical step towards India's transformation into a common market, after its launch in July 2017 is now well stabilized. The GST has brought about transformation of business in as much as each aspect of business has been impacted by it. We are seeing increasing number of corporates who are realigning their business model consistent with the GST regime essentially without any baggage of erstwhile tax regime. In this regard, tax deferments of VAT and CST retained by corporates are sought to be settled by industries based on settlement provision under respective VAT laws. FICCI requests consideration of the Government of Punjab for suitably amending the rule or issue clarification on the subject to bring uniformity and encourage corporates to be on GST platform without any baggage of erstwhile regime. Pertinently, this shall also bolster state finances in the current fiscal scenario. This was submitted to the Chief Minister, Government of Punjab.

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Rajasthan Pre-budget Memorandum 2021-22

Pre-budget Memorandum prepared based on the inputs received from members and submitted to the state govt for the upcoming state budget. This was submitted to the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.

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Suggestions to boost Wedding Tourism in Rajasthan

Suggestions to position Rajasthan as the wedding capital of India were submitted to Director - Tourism, Rajasthan.

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FICCI compilation of defence platforms being manufactured by Indian defence private sector

As part of its initiative to reach the export target of INR 35,000 crores by 2025, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) is looking into the possibility of

offering exportable low value Defence Equipment/ platforms to Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) on grant basis for boosting subsequent export prospects on commercial terms. Towards this, FICCI consolidated a list of defence platforms being manufactured by Indian defence private sector with maximum price range of the equipment up to INR 2 crores in order to help MoD in formulating its export promotion strategy. This was submitted to DDG/ Export, Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

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FICCI inputs on Draft Policy on Protective Gear

Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence; Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade; Directorate General of Foreign Trade; and DsGP/ IsGP of the states and Union Territory has formulated a Draft Policy to regulate manufacturing and sale of Protective Gear. FICCI submitted a detailed response on key aspects of the draft, incorporating inputs from industry stakeholders. These were submitted to Directorate of Coordination, Ministry of Defence.

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FICCI's Memorandum on Budget Proposals 2021-22

FICCI's Memorandum on Budget Proposals 2021-22 were submitted to Chairman, Members, Joint Secretaries of CBDT and CBIC.

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Request for Guidelines to compute interest on Contributions to PF, Superannuation Fund in excess of INR 7.50 lakhs

The Government of India amended the provisions of Section 17(2) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, during Budget 2020, to include following amounts within the purview of 'Perquisite' to be taxed in the hands of employees:

(vii) the amount or the aggregate of amounts of any contribution made to the account of the assessee by the employer- (a) in a recognised provident fund; (b) in the scheme referred to in sub-section (1) of section 80CCD; and (c) in an approved superannuation fund, to the extent it exceeds INR 7.50 lakhs in a previous year.

(viiia) the annual accretion by way of interest, dividend, or any other amount of similar nature during the previous year to the balance at the credit of the fund or scheme referred to in sub-clause (vii) to the extent it relates to the contribution referred to in the said sub-clause which is included in total income under the said sub-clause in any previous year computed in such manner as may be prescribed.

Many employers are still awaiting clarification from CBDT as to the manner of computing interest, dividend, or any other amount of similar

nature attributable to such excess contribution (i.e., above INR 7.50 lakhs per annum).

It is requested that CBDT should release guidance circular immediately so that employers can comply with the requirement of law before end of this financial year. These were submitted to Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi

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Submission on Foreign Trade Policy 2021-2026

In the run-up to New FTP, several member-associations (in particular, representing the MSME sector) have submitted that towards achieving the US\$ 5 Trillion mark in an expedited time frame, there is a need to boost exports (both merchandise and services) through systematically addressing domestic and external constraints related to the policy and regulatory/ operational framework.

MSME sector contributes significantly to the Indian economy in terms of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), exports and employment generation.

While the share of MSMEs in the country's Gross Value Added (GVA) stands at around 32%, MSME-related products account for over 48% of total merchandise export from India.

MSMEs are widening their domain across sectors of the economy, producing a diverse range of products and services to meet the demands of domestic as well as global markets. MSMEs are complementary to large industries and a significant number of units supply goods to large Exporters who export their products under various Export Promotion Schemes such as Duty-Free Import Authorisation (DFIA).

It was therefore requested to continue the Export Promotion Schemes in the new FTP, that would substantially benefit the MSME Sector, among others. This was submitted to DGFT, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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FICCI Note on association related details for Logistics Division Website

FICCI Submitted a brief note containing details of logistics- related associations to the Department of Commerce for the website hosted by its logistics division.

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Submission regarding Service Exports from India Scheme (SEIS)

FICCI has submitted a detailed representation to DGFT, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry on the challenges faced

in obtaining SEIS such as Non-processing of SEIS applications, no mechanism for computation of foreign exchange, eligible services for SEIS and rates of rewards for services exported during FY 2019-20 being are not notified.

It was therefore submitted to:

- (i) facilitate quick disposal of SEIS applications
- (ii) provide clarification on computation of net foreign exchange for claiming SEIS benefit
- (iii) notify eligible services and SEIS rates for FY 2019-20

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Feedback on e-Commerce issues - reg FTP

FICCI has submitted detailed representation to DGFT, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on e-Commerce Exports for Foreign Trade Policy 2021-2026

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Request for audits of foreign toy manufacturers to be started at the earliest – physical or virtual audits

Toy manufacturers with factories overseas, despite submitting their applications immediately after the QCO implementation last year, have still not received any indication from BIS on the likely timeline for the audits of their factories located outside India. Undue delays with factories audits mean that global toy companies will be unable to sell their new products with the QCO license. FICCI Toy Committee requested for audits, physical or virtual, of foreign toy manufacturers to be started at the earliest. This was submitted to Secretary, DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

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Suggestions on ETA Approval Process

FICCI represented to Department of Telecommunication requesting for a faster grant of Equipment Type Approval (ETA), i.e., wireless approvals. Following suggestions were made to the Department:

- 1) Transparency of Applications - Industry is not able to track the status of their applications due to non-availability of a portal for the same. Creation of an online portal like the ones used by other bodies/ regulators like BIS and BEE wherein the applicant can get status on real time basis would be helpful.
- 2) TAT (Turn Around Time): TAT to be declared by the department which makes it easier for the brands to predict the exact launch of the products in India.

In the absence of above features in the process of approval, imports as well as domestic manufacturing becomes difficult as brands do not get

adequate information regarding the status of their applications, be it acceptance of application or if there are any queries/deficiencies. This was submitted to Chief Minister, Government of Odisha.

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FICCI Inputs for the 5th Session of India-Portugal Joint Economic Commission (JEC) scheduled to be held in April 2021

The inputs pertained to number of efforts FICCI undertook subsequent to the last JEC held in May 2017 in Lisbon, Portugal for promoting trade, investment and institutional ties between India and Portugal and was submitted to DoC.

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DISH Circular dated 24.09.2019 regarding use of Safety PPE and other Safety System regarding

This is with reference to the circular issued by the office of Director-Industrial Safety & Health (DISH), dated 24.09.2019 to use the Safety PPE and other safety system as per Bureau of Indian Standards. (Total 28 Items).

As per the above circular of the DISH, industries are required to purchase these 28 listed safety systems only through DISH approved vendors. For each of these safety systems and equipments, DISH has provided only three approved vendors. A copy of the DISH Approved vendor list and PPT is enclosed for your reference.

We appreciate the measures taken by the Director-Industrial Safety & Health (DISH) to curb incidences of accidents in industrial environment arising due to usage of non-BIS standard safety equipment. While the measures taken by DISH are certainly in the right direction to promote safety in industrial environment, we would like to highlight some of the issues raised by our industry members in this regard: The approval of only three vendors for each of the safety systems has led to a market monopoly like situation, leading to significant and unreasonable price difference between vendors that are approved by DISH and those that are not.

This was submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary, Labour & Employment Department, Government of Gujarat & Mr PM Shah, Director, Office of the Director Industrial Safety & Health, Shram Bhavan, Rustom Cama Marg, Ahmedabad.

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Special Purpose Acquisition Company (SPAC) mechanism

FICCI made a submission on the SPAC structure followed in the US for IPOs with an overview of the process and some of the transactions in the

past years. This was submitted to SEBI Chairman and Secretary, DEA.

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Investments into SEBI-registered Category 1 AIFs called Social Venture Funds (SVFs) must be considered as an eligible CSR activity

It has been submitted that investments into AIFs, which are engaged in investing in social enterprises, be considered as eligible activity under Section 135 of the Companies Act, 2013. Further, the financial return, if any, made on the capital be mandated to be reinvested into the fund. This was submitted to Secretary, MCA.

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Request for clarification for set-off of excess CSR spent as contribution to PM CARES Fund in March 2020

At the onset of the COVID pandemic in March 2020, an appeal was made by MCA to CEOs of Indian industry to contribute liberally to PM CARES Fund to help combat the impact of the pandemic. Through this appeal, issued under the name of Mr Injeti Srinivas, then Secretary, Corporate Affairs, an assurance was given to India Inc that contributions by a company to PM CARES Fund that are over and above the prescribed 2% CSR spend of the year [excess amount] can be set off against CSR obligations arising in subsequent years. It has thus been requested that a clarification may be issued that contribution by companies to the PM CARES Fund over and above the prescribed 2% CSR Spend in the year 2019-20 can be set off against CSR obligations arising in the year 2020-21. In absence thereof, it will become extremely challenging for companies to undertake CSR activities at this juncture. This was submitted to Secretary, MCA.

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ASP for Cement Grade Limestone

Through the representation, FICCI highlighted the issue of higher ASP for the cement grade limestone, on account of an anomaly against Rule 38 of Mineral Concession Rules, 2016. The average sales price calculated by IBM is decided based upon a meagre quantity (approximately 6% of total production) of non-captive limestone traded that is of a higher grade (not cement grade). It was also highlighted that more than 30% of this non-captive produce is from a particular mine only where the prices are skewed upwards due to imposition of penalties by the Supreme Court. FICCI thus recommended that while arriving at the ASP of Cement Grade Limestone, the weighted average prices of only Cement Grade Limestone should be considered. Also, based on the cited Supreme

Court Judgment, it is suggested to correct the anomaly by considering the state mine in captive category. This was submitted to Minister for Mines, Coal and Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India.

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Clarification on FRA & CA Land Provisions for Merchant Mines Auctioned in March 2020

Through the representation, FICCI has requested Ministry of Mines to look into the matter of repetition of FRA certification & CA Land for mining leases that were operating with valid FCs. FICCI further shared that these mining leases that were operational up to 31 March 2020 had all valid clearances, including Forest Clearance, had fulfilled all necessary pre-requisites for obtaining the clearance like payment of NPV and Afforestation Charges, providing equivalent area of non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation (CA) and also obtaining the certification under Forest Rights Act (FRA). The note also highlighted upon the need for correcting the anomaly in ASP calculation for Bauxite. It was also suggested that for capacity expansion up to 50%, the provision for public hearing for EC should be done away with for non-coal minerals, as is the case with coal. Other Challenge mentioned in the note covered high penal interest rates in MMDR Act vis-a-vis other Acts & Rules. These were submitted to Secretary, Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

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Increasing Production basis Self-Certification with respect to Environmental Clearances

In the representation, FICCI recommended to enable submission of the required documentary proof based on Self-Certification Mechanism for large-scale mining sector and environmental classification of Category A for other sub-sectors (excluding mining of asbestos) in order to facilitate faster approval for the capacity expansion. FICCI also suggested that if the expansion involves acquisition of forest land, and in particular areas of high endemic biodiversity, or other protected areas, the existing system may be continued. Currently, to get EC to increase production, the EIA 2006 requires the user agency to submit Form I, a revised Environmental Impact Assessment, and an Environmental Management Plan, which are considered by the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee, which also decide on due diligence needed, including EIA and public consultations. FICCI thus recommended to enable submission of the required documentary proof based on a self-certification mechanism to increase the production capacity. This was submitted to Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India.

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