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National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council

The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) was set up by the Government in 2004 as an apex body to provide a continuing forum for policy dialogue to energise and sustain the growth of manufacturing industries in India. The NMCC has been providing inputs and suggestions for enhancing the competitiveness of the manufacturing sector including identification of manufacturing sub-sectors which have the potential for global competitiveness.

Presently, the NMCC is devoting bulk of its time in holding sectoral and inter-Ministerial discussions to suggest concrete policy measures and steps which can be taken by the Government for implementation of the recommendations made by a Group constituted by the Prime Minister to suggest measures for high growth of manufacturing sector. The sectors under discussion include, among others, Ship building, Aerospace, Technology Development, Monetary policy, FDI policy, SEZs, Acquisition of raw material assets abroad, Electric vehicle, Construction equipments, Machine tools and telecom sector.

The Prime Minister's Group on Manufacturing, which was headed by Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, Chairman, NMCC, has identified two sets of Industry-Verticals, namely, employment intensive and strategic industries, which deserve focused attention of the Government. The employment intensive industries include textile and garments, leather

and footwear, IT/Hardware and electronics, food processing and SMEs. The strategic industries, on the other hand, include aerospace, shipping, capital goods, IT hardware and electronics and solar energy. There are certain horizontal issues applicable to all sectors pursued by the NMCC which will help manufacturing sector to grow. These issues include incentivising investment in the R&D and technology, skill development, linking fiscal and other incentives with the percentage of local content, leveraging Indian market to enhance domestic value addition and technology transfer.

The NMCC has been initiating studies on topics relevant to the manufacturing sector through consultants by associating concerned line Ministries/Departments. In view of the importance of ICT adoption and penetration in Indian industry, NASSCOM was requested to study and prepare a roadmap to enhance ICT adoption in the manufacturing sector, the report of which is now available. The NMCC will process the recommendations in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments.
