

# **Press Release**

## **National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council**

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**New Delhi, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2006**

The First meeting of the High Level Committee on Manufacturing (HLCM) chaired by the Prime Minister was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2006. The following are the permanent members of the Committee.

1. Hon'ble Prime Minister – Chairman
2. Minister of Finance
3. Minister of Commerce & Industry
4. Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission
5. Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM
6. Principal Secretary to the PM
7. Chairman, NMCC & Member Convener - HLCM

2. The Committee adopted the National Strategy for Manufacturing (NSM) prepared by the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council for implementation. The Committee endorsed that the aim should be to achieve an average growth of Manufacturing of 12 per cent per annum.

3. It has also been decided that an Empowered Sub-Committee of the HLCM will be constituted under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, Chairman, NMCC to process the recommendations of the NSM.

4. It was further decided that, to begin with, the following sub-sectors would be taken up on priority and brought before the High Level Committee on Manufacturing by the Empowered Sub-Committee.

- i. Textiles and Garments
- ii. Food and Agro Processing
- iii. IT Hardware & Electronics
- iv. Leather and Footwear
- v. Skill Development
- vi. Problems of Small and Medium industries including cluster development.