

### Stauts of Implementation of the Decisions of the Cabinet/Cabinet Committees

S. No.	Date of Meeting	Subject	Decision	Action Taken
<b>Cabinet</b>				
1	25.08.2004	Proposal for amendments to the Patents Act, 1970	Cabinet decided that the matter may be examined by a Group of Ministers to be constituted for this purpose, in a specified time frame.	Action as under has been taken:  The meetings of the Group of Ministers were held on 24.09.2004 and 25.10.2004. The Group decided that based on its deliberations, the proposal could be processed further by the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion for obtaining appropriate approvals of the Cabinet.
2	24.12.2004	Proposals for strengthening of Patents Regime and Amendments to the Patents Act, 1970	Cabinet approved the proposals contained in paragraph 7 of the Supplementary Note. [Paragraph 7: It is, therefore, proposed that the Cabinet may consider promulgating an Ordinance, namely, the Patents (Amendment) Ordinance, 2004 and subsequently introduction of a bill in the Parliament to replace the said Ordinance....The legislative Department may also be authorized to make such changes as are consequential or of drafting nature.]	Action as under has been taken:  The Patents (Amendment) Ordinance, 2004 (Ordinance No. 7 of 2004) has been promulgated by the President on 26.12.2004.  Subsequently, the Patents (Amendment) Bill, 2005 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 18 <sup>th</sup> March, 2005.
3	19.05.2005	Amendment to the Patents Act, 1970	Cabinet approved the proposals contained in paragraph 6 of the Cabinet Note dated 13.04.2005. [Paragraph 6: Ex-post-facto approval of the Cabinet is solicited to the official amendments in the Patents	Ex-post-facto approval was sought to the action already taken.

			(Amendment) Bill.]	
4	18.08.2005	Removal of the Drugs and Pharmaceuticals form Schedule II of the Notification No. S.O. 477(E) dated 25.07.1991.	Removal of the Drugs and Pharmaceuticals form Schedule II of the Notification No. S.O. 477(E) dated 25.07.1991.	The decision of the Cabinet has been implemented and a Notification No. 1386(E) dated 23.9.2005 regarding delicensing of drugs and pharmaceuticals including biotechnology has been issued.
5	24.01.2006	Review of FDI policy	Proposal of DIPP for Review of FDI policy was approved.	Press Note 3 (2006) and Press Note 4(2006) both dated 10.2.2006 were issued to implement the decision of the Cabinet.
6	8.2.2007	National Design Policy	<p>The Policy holds the vision of shaping up a "design enabled Indian Industry" which could impact both the national economy and the quality of life in a positive manner. The following are the major initiatives proposed under the Policy:</p> <p>Integration of design with traditional and technological resources;  Promotion of Indian design  Raising Indian design education to global standards of excellence;  Creation of awareness among manufacturers and service providers about the competitive advantage of original designs;  Attracting investments including foreign direct investment in design services;  Involving industries and professional designers in the collaborative development of the design profession.</p>	<p>The following action has been taken so far regarding implementation of the national Design Policy:</p> <p>i) A Committee under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary, DIPP with representatives of concerned Ministries and organizations was constituted on 6th March 2007 in order to draw up a Detailed Action Plan in pursuance of the Policy. The Committee had three meetings on 14th March, 26th April and 4th May 2007.</p> <p>ii) The Committee has recommended that constitution of the Design Council of India will be the immediate action Plan under the National Design Policy and further action points will be as devised and implemented by the Design council.</p> <p>iii) Action has been initiated for constitution of the Design Council of India. Action has also been initiated for setting up more National Institutes of Design on the pattern of NID. It has been proposed to set up</p>

				<p>a new Institute in Bhopal (MP). The state Government had indicated its willingness to provide 30 acres of land free of cost in or around Bhopal for setting up the institute. A proposal submitted by NID, Ahmedabad for expansion of its Bangalore R&amp;D campus, has been forwarded to Planning commission on 25.3.2008 for in principle approval.</p> <p>iv) A proposal for granting 'Deemed to be University' status to NID has been forwarded to Department of Higher Education on 17.12.2007 for consideration by UGc.</p> <p>As regards monitoring, the Design Council of India on its constitution could act as a monitoring agency for implementation of various initiatives under the Design Policy.</p>
7	19.4.2007	Amendment of the Indian Boilers Act,1923 (5 of 1923)	The Cabinet approved the proposal in para 8 of Cabinet Note dt 11-4-2007 regarding official amendments to the Indian Boilers (Amendment) Bill, 1994, introduced in the Rajya Sabha for amendment of Indian Boilers Act,1923 (5 of 1923)	The Amendment Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha and passed by both the Houses of Parliament in Winter Session 2007 and received Presidential assent in December 2007. Further action for implementation of the provisions of Amendment Act 2007 has been initiated in consultation with Ministry of Law.
8	16.8.2007	Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC).</li> <li>2. Coverage of Investment Regions &amp; Industrial Areas in Phase I of DMIC</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Apex Monitoring Authority for overall guidance for the DMIC Project under the Chairmanship of Union Finance Minister has been constituted in September, 2007.</li> </ol>

			<p>project.</p> <p>3. Organization structure including setting up of an Apex Authority chaired by the Union Finance Minister.</p> <p>4. Formation of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC).</p>	<p>2. The Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (DMICDC) Ltd has been incorporated in January 2008 with 49% equity participation from GOI and remaining 51% from private infrastructure organizations: IL&amp;FS – 41% and IDFC – 10%.</p> <p>3. Preparation of the Master Plans for the investment nodes/DMIC Region has been initiated.</p>
9	30.01.2008	Review of FDI policy	Proposal for Review of FDI policy was approved with amendment to the proposal in para 2.3 (relating to the policy for Commodity Exchanges) and the proposal in para 2.7 (relating to FII investment in Real estate development projects) which was treated as withdrawn	Press Note 1-6 (2008) dated 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2008 were issued to implement the decision of the Cabinet.
<b>Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs</b>				
1	17.09.2004	Setting up of a National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC).	Setting up of a National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC).	NMCC has been set up and started functioning.
2	24.02.2005	Review of policy for FDI in townships, housing, built-up infrastructure and construction development projects	Proposal of DIPP was approved with amendment to proposal in para 4.2 (one of the conditions relating to completion of 50% of the project within 5 years from the date of obtaining all statutory clearances).	Press Note 2(2005) dated 3.3.2005 issued in implementation of the decision of the CCEA.
3	30.6.2005	Integrated Development of Leather Sector (Outlay: Rs. 200	The scheme was considered and approved by CCEA on 30 <sup>th</sup> June,	After finalization of the guideline the scheme became operational on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November

		Leather Sector (Outlay Rs. 290 crore) Aims at technology up-gradation and modernization of Leather units	2005.	became operational w.e.f. 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, 2005. Till date 674 cases involving total investment of Rs.430.76 crores and GOI's assistance of Rs. 102.36 crores has been approved by this Department.
4	17.11.2005	Review of FDI policy	CCEA directed that the matter may be considered by a Group of Ministers for which an updated paper may be prepared.	GOM on FDI considered the updated paper on 4.1.2006. Recommendations of the GOM formed the basis of the Cabinet note considered on 24.1.2006.
5	02.11.2006	Modernisation and Restructuring of the Patent Offices	The Committee approved the proposal contained in paragraph 13 of the Cabinet Note dated 10.10.2006. [Paragraph 13: Approval is solicited for implementation of the project for modernisation and restructuring of the Patent Offices during the 10 <sup>th</sup> Plan at a revised cost of Rs.137.58 crore.]	Action as under has been taken:  The Project for Modernisation and Strengthening of the Patent Offices has been implemented during the 10 <sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan which ended on 31.03.2007.
6	29.3.2007	North East Industrial Policy, 1997	The North East Industrial Policy, 1997 has been revised and a new policy namely the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy, 2007 (NEIIPP, 2007) has been approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA). The salient features of the new Policy are as under: -  (i) Sikkim included in	NEIIPP 2007 has been notified with effect from 1.4.2007.

			<p>NEIIPP, 2007</p> <p>(ii) Under NEIIPP, 2007 all new units as well as existing units on their substantial expansion would be eligible for incentives for 10 years from the date of commencement of commercial production</p> <p>(iii) Distinction between thrust and non thrust industries made in NEIP, 1997 removed.</p> <p>(iv) 'Substantial expansion' redefined to mean an increase of not less than 25 % in the value of fixed capital investment in plant and machinery for the purpose of expansion/capacity modernization and diversification as against an increase by 33 ½ % prescribed under NEIP, 1997.</p> <p>(v) 100% excise duty exemption on finished products to continue under NEIIPP, 2007.</p> <p>(vi) 100% Income tax exemption to continue under NEIIPP, 2007 as at</p>	
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			<p>present.</p> <p>(vii) The capital investment subsidy enhanced from 15% of the investment in plant and machinery to 30% and the limit for automatic approval of subsidy enhanced to Rs.1.5 crore as against Rs.30 lakh in NEIP, 1997.</p> <p>(viii) Interest subsidy @ 3% on working capital loan will be made available.</p> <p>(ix) New industrial units as well as existing units on their substantial expansion will be eligible for reimbursement of 100% insurance premium.</p> <p>(x) Tobacco products, pan masala, plastic carry bags and refinery products made ineligible for incentives under NEIIPP, 2007</p> <p>(xi) Incentives under NEIIPP, 2007 to be provided to 'Service Sectors' (including Hotels, medical and health services, nursing homes, vocational training institutes), 'Bio-technology' industry and Power Generating plants</p>	
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7	29.3.2007	transport subsidy scheme	CCEA also approved the extension of the transport subsidy scheme from 1.4.2007 on the same terms and conditions subject to an early evaluation of the Scheme with a view to introducing necessary safeguards to avoid leakages/misuse under the Scheme.	Notification extending the transport subsidy Scheme issued. For evaluation of the Scheme, Planning Commission has been requested to conduct an evaluation through Programme Evaluation Organization (PEO) and the same is under process.
8	01.10.2007	Additional allocation for Industrial Infrastructure	The CCEA has approved Rs. 277 crore for the completion of ongoing	Two projects have been sanctioned in the financial year (2007-08) and process to



		Upgradation Scheme (IIUS).	projects under Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme and taking up of 6 additional clusters in industrially less developed States.	sanction rest of the projects has been initiated.
9	13.03.2008	Modernisation and Strengthening of Intellectual Property Offices	The Committee approved the proposal contained in paragraph No. 10 of the CCEA note dated 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2008. [Paragraph 10: It is proposed to implement the project for Modernisation and Strengthening of Intellectual Property Offices during the 11 <sup>th</sup> Plan period commencing on 1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2007 at a total estimated cost of Rs. 300 crore. Details of cost of various components and year-wise phasing are indicated in Annex- A.]	<p>Action Taken: The scheme is being implemented during the 11<sup>th</sup> Five year plan.</p> <p>Monitoring Mechanism: For successful implementation of the project, both internal and external monitoring would be resorted to.</p> <p><b>Internal:</b> A full time nodal officer would oversee implementation of the project.</p> <p>The progress of implementation would also be monitored through periodic meetings at various levels in the Department.</p> <p><b>External:</b> A taskforce comprising of representatives of stakeholder Ministries and Departments is being set up to conduct regular monitoring of the project.</p> <p>A detailed concurrent evaluation will be commissioned after 3 years, by hiring an internally reputed independent agency.</p>