

FOREWORD

The Small scale Industrial (SSI) Sector contributes significantly to the prime social objective of providing employment opportunities to millions of people across the country. The SSI sector has been contributing significantly to industrial production, exports and national Gross Domestic Product. The sector has been assigned the target of annual growth of 12% and creation of 4.4 million additional jobs during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Statistical database relating to SSI sector plays an important role in policy formulation and in designing various schemes relating to credit, marketing technology, entrepreneurial development, and infrastructure development. Updation of data is extremely important in the context of liberalization, globalization and removal of quantitative restrictions in the new WTO scenario to study impact of these developments on the performance and growth of the SSI sector in India.

So far the latest available comprehensive data on small scale sector was based on the Second All India Census of Small Scale Industries conducted in the year 1987-88. The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee announced the conduct of a fresh Census while announcing the Comprehensive Policy Package for the SSI Sector on 30th August 2000 on the basis of recommendations of the Study Group headed by Dr. S.P.Gupta, Member, Planning Commission and of the Group of Ministers under the chairmanship of Shri L.K.Advani, Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister and the Home Minister. I am grateful to the then Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Deputy Prime Minister and Dr.S.P.Gupta, Member, Planning Commission for the initiatives taken by them. Their initiatives have paved the way for conducting the Third Census of Small Scale Industries in the country.

The Third Census apart from covering the registered SSI units has also attempted to investigate the structure of the unregistered SSI sector. The

concern for identifying sickness and incipient sickness in view of the limitations in the RBI data was systematically addressed in this Census by devising specific indicators.

I am happy to note that the Office of the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries (DCSSI) is bringing out the Final Results of the Third Census of Small Scale Industries. The report contains the detailed findings based on the information obtained from about 22.62 lakhs registered SSI units and 1.67 lakh unregistered SSI units. It also throws light on the structural changes in the SSI sector as also on sickness and its causes.

This Census was a joint venture of the Centre and the States, with the involvement of experts from various Govt. Departments, Planning Commission and the Reserve Bank of India. The Industry Associations and the small scale entrepreneurs also extended cooperation in furnishing detailed information during the field operations. I must place on record my appreciation to all the organisations and individuals at Central/ State/ UT level for their positive involvement in the conduct of the Census. I also compliment Shri B.S.Minhas, Secretary (SSI), Shri Suresh Chandra, DC (SSI), Dr.C.S.Prasad, ADC, Shri Amir Subhani, JDC, Shri M.V.S.Ranganadham, Director and their dedicated team of officers for steering the project at National level.

I am sure that this Report will prove immensely useful for all the Government and Non-Government agencies involved in the promotion and development of the small scale sector.

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REPORT

ON

THE THIRD ALL INDIA CENSUS

OF

SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIAL UNITS
(Registered up to 31/3/2001 and unregistered units)

HIMACHAL PRADESH

DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES MINISTRY OF SSI NIRMAN BHAVAN	DIRECTORATE OF INDUSTRIES GOVT. OF HIMACHAL PRADESH UDYOG BHAVAN, SHIMLA-171001
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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Directorate of Industries

Dated: Shimla-171 001, the

From:

The Director of Industries,
Himachal Pradesh.

To

The Director (Census)
O/O the Development Commissioner(SSI)
A.G.C.R. Building,
I.P.Estate, New Delhi-2

Subject: Approval of the State SSI Census Report of
H.P.

Sir,

The draft State SSI Census Report of Himachal Pradesh based on the data collected during 3rd census of SSI units has been prepared and both soft copy and hard copy of the same is enclosed for your kind approval please.

Yours faithfully,

Director of Industries,
Himachal Pradesh.