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## **M E S S A G E**

I am delighted to know that a booklet is being brought out containing comprehensive details of techno-operational and financial parameters / guidelines for the modified Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme for the textile and jute industries which will be operative with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2007. The book will help the potential investors to get user-friendly information on the Scheme.


The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), which was introduced on 01.04.1999, has received tremendous response and helped overcome technological obsolescence and create economies of scale. The Scheme since inception till 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008 has propelled investment of Rs. 1,16,981 crore. However, there is a need to strengthen and increase the capacities and go in for modernization on continuous basis for the textile industry for facing the global competition.

The manufacturing chain in the textiles industry starts right from ginning of cotton till the clothing stage. Thus, TUFS is crucial for all the inter-connecting sectors such as spinning, weaving, knitting, processing and garmenting. However, considering the un-uniform benefits to the various segments of the textile sector witnessed by the Scheme and recognizing the potential of garmenting, technical textiles and processing segments for high value addition and employment generation, the modified Scheme envisages to provide 5% interest reimbursement plus 10% capital subsidy for specified technical textile and garmenting machineries in addition to 5% interest reimbursement. The scheme will be operated by the designated nodal agencies/nodal banks and the co-opted PLIs.

I hope, the Indian textile industry, particularly processing, garmenting and technical textile industry will make full use of this opportunity for acquisition of state-of-the art machinery for attaining international competitiveness. I wish the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme and the textile entrepreneurs all success.

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