

Efficiency and productivity

7.49 To provide a continuing forum for policy dialogue to energise and sustain the growth of the manufacturing industry, Government has set up the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) to identify the manufacturing sectors having potential for global competitiveness, and to identify problems and constraints in such sectors.

7.50 NMCC is an apex body, which will provide inputs for policymaking as well as suggest measures for enhancing the competitiveness of Indian industry. It has been assigned the following role: (i) identification of manufacturing sectors, which have potential

for global competitiveness, problems and constraints in such sectors with respect to structure and size of industry, technology gaps, modernization needs, etc; (ii) evolving sector-specific strategies for enhancing competitiveness of the manufacturing sector; (iii) recommending measures to create common infrastructure and facilities such as testing, quality, design, HRD, skills, training institutes, etc; and (iv) providing a forum for dialogue between the public and private sectors, labour and academia. NMCC will also advise the Government on industrial and sector specific initiatives that may be required for enhancing competitiveness of industries.