

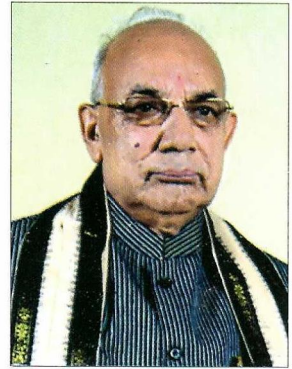
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INDUSTRIAL POLICY U.T., CHANDIGARH 2015

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MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure in launching the first ever Industrial Policy of Union Territory, Chandigarh.

Chandigarh has, from the start, been a city of international standards, one which has maintained its high quality of ecosystem over the decades. With the launching of Industrial Policy for the first time in U.T. Single Window System has been introduced so as to enhance the ease of businessmen. It is also gratifying that the Administration has made an effort to provide clearances required by the entrepreneurs while setting up of new enterprise in a prescribed time bound manner. Further, review at periodic intervals would ensure effective implementation of this policy.

I am confident that the Industrial Policy would succeed in attracting Hi-tec and knowledge based industry in U.T., Chandigarh.

I would also urge upon the officers of the Industries and the concerned Departments to ensure that the Industrial Policy is implemented in a right perspective and in time.

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(Prof. Kaptan Singh Solanki)

VIJAY DEV, IAS
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U.T., Chandigarh



MESSAGE

I congratulate the entrepreneurs of Union Territory, Chandigarh that their awaited wish of an Industrial Policy for U.T. Chandigarh has been fulfilled and the Chandigarh Administration has come out with an Industrial Policy. I also congratulate the Secretary Industries and his team for their earnest efforts in bringing out this Policy.

The Industrial Policy would be reviewed at periodic intervals by the Administration. It would be ensured by all departments concerned to implement the actions enshrined in the Industrial Policy in a time bound manner.

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(Vijay Dev)

ANURAG AGARWAL, IAS
Home Secretary
Chandigarh Administration



MESSAGE

It gives me immense pleasure to see that finally first ever industrial policy of Chandigarh is being released.

Although in the past, there have been policies on estate management procedures regarding industrial plots, however, there was no comprehensive industrial policy to look at the issues ranging from infrastructure development to facilitation of existing industries as well as new industries and also the broad components of estate management procedures. The relevance of this industrial policy increases further in the light of impetus given by the Government of India to industrialization through various schemes including flagship programme of 'Make in India'.

Our endeavor is to ensure that even with the constraint of limited availability of land, the industrial activity in Chandigarh is revitalized with focus on IT enabled, knowledge based and high-tech industries while also encouraging the conventional strong hold of industry in Chandigarh i.e. automobile parts, fasteners and bathroom fittings. This Industrial Policy has been prepared after a number of deliberations with various industrial associations as well as stakeholder departments.

I congratulate the Industries Department for the hard work that has been put in by them for preparing this Industrial Policy. I hope that this first Industrial Policy of Chandigarh will go a long way in meeting the genuine aspirations of industrialists and revitalizing the industrial areas of Chandigarh.

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(Anurag Agarwal, IAS)

Chandigarh Administration

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PREAMBLE

Chandigarh is a small Union Territory covering an area of 114 Sq. Kms. only. It has two already developed Industrial Areas and very little additional land is available for large scale industrialization.

In the light of above, the Industrial Policy has to address itself to promote investment, development of knowledge based industries and to rejuvenate and re-strengthen the existing enterprises particularly the micro, small and medium scale sector. The goals set forth in the document would create environment friendly Micro Small & Medium Enterprises and would promote Chandigarh as a hub of environment friendly, hi-tech and knowledge based economic activities. Taking into account the current economic scenario and prospective developments, the Policy would also lay particular emphasis on further strengthening the base of the manufacturing sector.

The Policy also provides for creating an enabling environment which promotes ease of doing business and it aims at revitalising the industrial area.

SALIENT FEATURES

Policy shift is essential to change industrial profile from low skilled industries to high-skilled industries. The policy asserts the following strategy:

- Infrastructure Development
- Support skill development & other promotional measures like allowing Knowledge Based Industries in Industrial area among others.
- Banning entry of polluting industries.
- To provide common facilities such as tool room facility / center of excellence to the small scale entrepreneurs.
- Removal of grievances of entrepreneurs through Single Window Committee.
- Industry consultation in decision making and sustainability.
- Facilitation to MSEs in getting interest on their delayed payments through Micro Small Enterprises Facilitation Council.

Administration's role will be to provide good infrastructure, investor friendly environment with a responsive feedback and consultation mechanism and by allcwing new activities in Industrial Area.

CURRENT STATUS

The Union Territory of Chandigarh has a total area of 114 sq. kms. with a total population of 10.53 lac as per last census 2011. The Administration has taken a number of major initiatives to upgrade the infrastructure in Chandigarh, to boost economic growth in the region. The industrial sector plays a vital role in the economic development. With the changing global and domestic environment, this first industrial policy has been framed with the aim of promoting industrial growth in the context of overall economic development of the Union Territory by creating an investor friendly enabling environment.

Chandigarh Administration earmarked 1475 acres of land for Industrial Area, Phase-I & II which came into existence during the year 1970. The Administration has also planned Industrial Area, Phase-III in Mauli Jagran for which an area of 152 acres of land has been earmarked. Before the introduction of MSMED Act, there were 4 units in large and Medium Sector and 2074 units in small scale sector registered upto March, 2007. Thereafter under the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Act, 2006, Entrepreneur's Memorandum-II has been issued to 1380 Nos. a EM-I has been issued to 410 No. enterprises upto 2014-15.

NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL POLICY

The Chandigarh Administration had earlier notified a policy for Allotment of Plots/Sheds in the Union Territory of Chandigarh in the year 1990 which was subsequently repealed and replaced in the year 2000 and thereafter it was slightly amended in the year 2006. The Chandigarh Administration also formulated a scheme namely "Chandigarh Conversion of land use of Industrial site into commercial activities/services in Industrial Area, Phase-I & II Chandigarh Scheme 2005" which allowed commercial activities in Industrial Area Phase-I & II after payment of conversion charges. With the tremendous progress in the field of Computer Science and IT and other Knowledge based industry, a number of avenues have been opened for the setting up of enterprises by the budding entrepreneurs. A new Industrial Policy which recognizes the dynamic economic activities while accounting for the limitation of space in UT Chandigarh is hence and urgent need.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To maximize production and achieve higher productivity through modern and efficient work techniques and optimum utilization of available resources.
2. To promote non polluting and export oriented industries.
3. To encourage activities allied to industry, such as training for up-grading skills of man power/workers through Vocational Training Programmes & entrepreneurial development programmes and generate employment and entrepreneurial opportunities across all sectors of the economy.
4. To create industry friendly environment by simplifying rules and procedures.
5. To integrate and provide single window and provide facilitation support.
6. To allow IT/ITES services in Industrial Area.
7. Cluster Development approach.
8. To solve the genuine concerns of entrepreneurs.

CHAPTER- I

1. THRUST ENTERPRISES

The Chandigarh Administration would promote environmental friendly, energy efficient, hi-tech, high value added industries. The following would be the thrust enterprises:-

- 1.1 Electronics items.
- 1.2 IT/ITES/ Bio Technology/ Nano Technology
- 1.3 Light Engineering goods.
- 1.4 Knowledge based industries.
- 1.5 Automotive Components.
- 1.6 Handloom and handicrafts.
- 1.7 Furniture items.
- 1.8 Sanitary fittings.
- 1.9 Industrial fasteners and allied industries.
- 1.10 Hi-tech and non-polluting industries.
- 1.11 R&D oriented services.

CHAPTER- II

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS.

The aim of Administration would be to simplify the investment process through various procedural simplifications. The emphasis would be on Government being a facilitator and providing handholding assistance to the upcoming enterprises.

2.1 COMMON APPLICATION FORM.

Common Application Form (CAF) is the simplest way of reducing paperwork, as many of the applications require similar information to be provided by a company. A CAF compatible with electronic platform will be developed and it would be the endeavour of the administration to make it functional by 2nd October 2015. The CAF could include following clearances and all these services would be provided in a time bound manner.

Sr. No.	Name of the Service	Concerned Department	Time Limit Working Days
1.	Water Connection. Sewer connection	Public Health (Municipal Corporation)	15 days
2.	Acknowledgement under MSMED\ Act 2006. For EM-I For EM-II	Industries Department	24 hrs 7 days
3.	Consent to Establish/ Operate/ Renewal under Environment Laws.	Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee	30 / 120 days
4.	Power Connection. New load/ additional load	Engineering Department	30 days
5.	Building Plan Approval.	Estate Office	32 days
6.	New Registration/ renewal of license under Factories Act	Labour Department	15 days
7.	CST/ TIN Number	Excise & Taxation Department	30 days

For setting up of new enterprise, the entrepreneur would apply on a common application form through the portal of Chandigarh Administration. Fee, if any for registration/ renewal would be paid by the entrepreneurs either online or in cash for which a provision would be made in single window cell and officials will be

deputed to receive the fee and also to facilitate the entrepreneurs in this regard. All the above mentioned services would be provided/ cleared in the prescribed time limit and if any department does not provide the services within the above said time limit despite the application having no deficiency, the service would be deemed to have been approved.

2.2 STRENGTHENING THE SINGLE WINDOW SYSTEM:

- The investors shall be facilitated to file all applications related to project at one point/ Online.
- A special cell for the purpose of providing single window services would be set up in the office of Director Industries to act as a nodal office and the other departments which are necessary with respect to providing services as mentioned above would be involved and besides online, physical forms for providing these services would be kept in this cell. Details of procedures and formats for various approvals will be placed on website for easy reference of investors.
- A time bound schedule for clearance of investor applications will be decided and all government agencies will work in coordination to ensure expeditious movement of applications.
- The Cell will become a repository of information regarding state infrastructure, information about investment application processes and issues being raised across the industry. Additionally, this cell will also feed into a platform for information dissemination and will provide additional information related to orders, rules & regulations.
- Coordination with the relevant departments and required updates will be provided to the investors through this System.
- A monitoring cell will be constituted under the Chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner which will periodically review the status of pending applications with Single Window System and with the concerned departments.

2.3 SELF CERTIFICATION SCHEME/EXEMPTION FROM INSPECTION UNDER VARIOUS LABOUR LAWS.

A Self Certification Scheme under Labour Law is proposed to be introduced which may cover the followings:-

- i) The Payment of Wages Act, 1936
- ii) The Minimum Wages Act, 1948
- iii) The Factories Act, 1948
- iv) The Employment Exchanges Act, 1959
- v) The Employment Exchange (Notification of Vacancies Act), 1961
- vi) The Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishment, 1958
- vii) The Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970

2.4 ONLINE ISSUANCE OF VAT FORM.

The work on issuance of vat form online has been taken up and VAT forms will be issued online w.e. f 15th August, 2015

CHAPTER- III

MICRO, SMALL & MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (MSME) SECTOR

The Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 provides for promotion, development and enhancing the competitiveness of micro, small and medium enterprises and the matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. Accordingly with the introduction of MSMED Act, 2006, the Chandigarh Administration has already taken up following steps to facilitate the MSMEs in Chandigarh.

3.1 ONLINE ISSUANCE OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP MEMORANDUM – I & II

The online issuance of Entrepreneurship Memorandum-I & II has already been started in Union Territory, Chandigarh w.e.f 01.10.2014 and that too in a time bound manner i.e. 24 hours and 7 days respectively as per directions of the Govt. of India, Ministry of Micro small & Medium Enterprises. The UT Chandigarh is the first amongst all the Union Territories to start online filling of EM-I & EM-II.

3.2 MICRO & SMALL ENTERPRISES FACILITATION COUNCIL

The Chandigarh Administration has constituted a Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council under Delayed Payments Act vide notification No. 4/1/76-HIII(3)-2008/18140, dated 17.09.2008/10.05.2011 consisting of the following members under the Chairmanship of Director Industries:-

- Lead District Manager, Punjab National Bank, Chandigarh.
- Standing Counsel of Chandigarh Administration.
- President, Industries Association of Chandigarh.
- President, Chamber of Chandigarh Industries.

The Chandigarh Administration has published the Chandigarh Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council Rules vide Notification No. 4/1/76-Part-I-HII(3)-2012/12605, dated 25th June, 2012 and the MSEFC has started functioning in U.T., Chandigarh. The meeting of the Council is held on 2nd Thursday of every month.

3.3 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT-CUM-FACILITY CENTRE:-

For the development of industry, an Industrial Development-cum-Facility Centre has been set up which provides support facilities to SSI Units which could not afford the same at their own. This centre is providing common facilities to the small scale entrepreneurs such as precision tool room facility, heat treatment facility etc. Its focus is to provide facilities to the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises in the area to get various jobs done at the reasonable rates. The nature of jobs is predominantly of 'tool room' type with low batch quantities and precision. It will be the endeavour of the Administration to upgrade the existing IDFC in keeping with demand and the change of the technology, as required from time to time.

3.4 PROCUREMENT PREFERENCES POLICY:-

The Chandigarh Administration shall implement the Procurement Preference Policy in U.T. Chandigarh to facilitate the MSMEs.

3.5 INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

An industrial advisory committee would be constituted by the administration under the Chairmanship of Adviser to the Administrator with officers of the other departments and representative of the Industrial Associations to sort-out the important issues relating to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises of U.T., Chandigarh.

3.6 CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE:

A centre of excellence will be setup by the Administration especially for fasteners/ nut screws/ tractor parts and bath fittings enterprises. In addition, for promotion/up gradation of these industries, exhibitions/ fairs would also be organised.

CHAPTER- IV

BUSINESS PROMOTION

4.1 MARKETING ASSISTANCE:-

To help the Local MSMEs to showcase the products manufactured by these enterprises, the Chandigarh Administration helps participation of MSMEs in the India International Trade Fair at New Delhi which is organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization, New Delhi from 14-27 November every year. The Department also organizes its own exhibition namely CHANDIKRIT at Chandigarh every year.

4.2 SINGLE WINDOW COMMITTEE:-

A Single Window Committee has been setup under the Chairmanship of Director Industries with officers of the other departments as its members to remove the day-today grievances of the local enterprises.

4.3 VISIT OF INDUSTRIALISTS TO THE OTHER STATES/ABROAD.

Tours of the entrepreneurs would be arranged to acquaint them with the technology adopted by the entrepreneurs of other States/in foreign countries so as to promote the business and enhance the manufacturing skills in UT Chandigarh.

CHAPTER- V

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA

It is the consistent demand of the various industrial associations to allow more activities in Industrial Areas. The Administration is keen to preserve the nature of the Industrial Area and also willing to rejuvenate the Industrial Area with new activities in commensurate with the time and technology, the following additional activities will be allowed.

5.1 IT / Electronics Hardware, IT / Software / ITES Units etc.

The following IT/ Electronics/ Software/ Hardware, ITES Units and technology & Research units will be allowed:-

IT/Electronics/ Communication Hardware Units	IT/Communication Software Units	ITES Units	Other Technology Research and Development Units
Computing devices including: Desktop Personal Computer Servers Work-stations Terminals Laptop Computers, Note Book Computers, Tablet PCs and Netbooks Palm top Computers / PDA Peripheral Interface controllers/ Memory modules including: Memory modules (e.g., SIMM, DIMM) Network Interface Controllers Disk drive controllers (e.g., IDE/EIDE/ATA/SATA/SCSI) and other peripheral interface controllers Storage Units including: Hard Disk Drives RAID Devices & their Controllers Floppy Disk Drives C.D. ROM Drives Tape Drives – DLT Drives / DAT Optical Disk Drives Other Digital Storage Devices including flash memory devices	Application Software Operating system and System software Middleware/ Firmware Telecommunications and Mobile Communications software Design and quality assurance work for these software System integration work/ components for software Software Maintenance, Enhancements, Localization and related services Software /System Quality and Security Auditing and Certification Services LSI/VLSI/PCB/ASIC and System-On-Chip Design Services Special purpose software design, development and testing including SCADA, GPIB for Process monitoring and Control	Back-Office Operations Business Process Outsourcing including Call Centres Digital Content Development/ Animation/ Audio Visual effects / Gaming /Production studios for TV & Films etc. (provided remotely) Data Processing - Data conversion, data mining, digitization, data entry, data warehousing Packaged software support services (provided remotely) Website Services, web designing and web content development services	Technology Research and Development Units in the areas of: Bio-Technology, Genetic Engineering, Cell Culture, Microbiology, Bio-informatics, Robotics, Nano Technology, Genetics, Clinical Trials and Drug Development

<p>such as USB Pen Drives</p> <p>Others</p> <p>Key Board</p> <p>Monitor</p> <p>Mouse</p> <p>Multi-media devices such as cameras, projectors, audio and video units</p> <p>Smart Cards and related Readers, writers and printers</p> <p>Digital Tablets</p> <p>Printers, Scanners and related devices including:</p> <p>Dot matrix</p> <p>Laserjet</p> <p>Inkjet</p> <p>Deskjet</p> <p>LED Printers</p> <p>Line Printers</p> <p>Plotters</p> <p>Flat Bed, hand-held and other document scanners and document cameras.</p> <p>Pass-book Printers</p> <p>Multi-Function Devices including photocopiers</p> <p>Other special purpose printers</p> <p>Networking products including:</p> <p>Hubs</p> <p>Routers</p> <p>Switches</p> <p>Wireless Networking equipment</p> <p>Firewalls and Unified Threat Management devices,</p> <p>Intruder detection and/or prevention devices</p> <p>Trans-receivers</p> <p>Other wired and wireless networking / network security equipment</p> <p>Power supplies to Computer</p> <p>Systems including:</p> <p>Switch mode power supplies</p> <p>Uninterrupted Power supplies</p> <p>Laptop / Mobile phone power adaptors and Chargers</p> <p>Networking / Cabling & related accessories (related to IT Industry)</p> <p>Data Communication Cables including Fibre Optic and Copper Cable</p> <p>Connectors, Terminal Blocks</p> <p>Jack panels, patch cord</p> <p>Mounting cord / wiring blocks</p> <p>Surface mount boxes</p> <p>Consumables including:</p> <p>CD ROM/ DVD ROM</p> <p>Floppy Disk</p>		<p>IT Solution providers (including server data banks, application service providers, internet/web based e-commerce service providers, system integration service providers)</p> <p>IT System Audit Services</p> <p>Engineering and Designing (CAD/CAM etc.)</p> <p>Geographic Information System Services</p> <p>Human Resource Services (provided remotely)</p> <p>Insurance Claim Processing (provided remotely)</p> <p>Medical & Legal Transcription</p> <p>Payroll processing</p> <p>Finance & Revenue Accounting (provided remotely)</p> <p>Remote/on-line Education</p> <p>IT Security and Risk Management services (provided remotely)</p> <p>Data Center and Disaster Recovery Center Services including Network Operations Centers</p> <p>Other services provided with the use of IT infrastructure – including</p>	
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<p>Other Optical and Magnetic storage media Tapes DAT / DLT Ribbons Toners Inkjet Cartridges Inks for Output devices Electronic Components: Printed Circuit Board / populated PCB Magnetic heads, Print heads Connectors Microphones/ Speakers Fuses LSI and VLSI devices</p> <p>Telecommunication Equipment including:</p> <p>Telephones, including IP Phones and Videophones Facsimile Machines/ Fax cards Tele Printers/ Telex machines PABX/EPABX/RAX/MAX-Telephone Exchange Multiplexers/ Muxes Modems Telephone answering machines Telecommunication Switching Equipment Antenna & Mast Wireless datacom equipment Receiving equipments like Pagers, Mobile, Cellular Phones, etc. VSATs Video Conferencing Equipments Including Set Top Boxes for both Video and Digital Signalling.</p> <p>Other Equipment Automated Teller Machines Finger Print, IRIS and other biometric scanners Touchscreen terminals and Kiosks CCTV cameras</p>		<p>information services, tele-medicines services, remote access cyber services, remote diagnostic and repair services etc.</p>	
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These additional activities will be allowed with a caveat that in case of any ambiguity, any activity entailing direct customer interface will not be allowed such as commercial activities viz. offices, shops, point of sales, hotels, hospitals, show-rooms, educational institutions/university as were allowed by the Administration under the Conversion Policy-2005.

5.2 INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSING

To meet the increasing warehousing demand of city, only industrial warehousing will be allowed in industrial area Phase-I and industrial area Phase-II.

5.3 AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS

The number of vehicles in Chandigarh is increasing day by day. Vehicles need regular service / repair for maintaining road worthiness / fitness. Therefore Automobile service stations will be allowed in industrial area Phase-I and Phase-II.

However, additional FAR will not be permitted. Parking requirement etc. will be governed by the extant Bye laws. With this, the traffic flows where ever possible could be made one way to double their effective capacity.

In case of any activity which is not specified in the above list, the case for registration would be referred to higher authorities through Secretary Industries to take appropriate decision.

CHAPTER- VI

EASE OF TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

There is a persistent demand of the industry associations to convert industrial plots allotted on lease hold basis to free hold basis to facilitate transfer of plots from lease hold basis to lease hold basis and allotment of vacant plots in Industrial Area Phase-I and Industrial Phase-II.

6.1 TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL PLOTS FROM LEASE HOLD TO FREE HOLD BASIS

As regard the demand of industry associations to convert industrial plots allotted on lease hold basis to free hold basis is concerned, the matter is under active consideration of the Administration / Ministry of Home Affairs.

6.2 TRANSFER OF INDUSTRIAL PLOTS FROM LEASE HOLD TO LEASE HOLD BASIS

Transfer of Industrial plots on the basis of lease hold to lease hold basis will be facilitated. Administration will develop suitable mechanism for it.

6.3 ALLOTMENT OF VACANT PLOTS.

The number of vacant/resumed industrial plots/sheds in Industrial Area, Phase-I & II is approximately 150 and in IT Park also some plots are available for allotment. These plots will be allotted in accordance with the policy framed by the Chandigarh Administration from 15th Aug, 2015 onwards.

CHAPTER- VII

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AS DRIVER OF INVESTMENT PROMOTION.

The UT Administration recognizes that infrastructure is the key for economic development. The Chandigarh Administration has set up Industrial Area, Phase-I and Phase-II. Both these phases are fully developed, In order to facilitate the growth of industries especially the MSME sector, the administration has planned massive upgradation of civic infrastructure in Industrial Area, phase-I and phase-II. The Administration has planned to provide adequate parking space in Industrial Area. All the roads in Industrial Area would be re-carpeted/ rehabilitated wherever necessary. Widening of roads will be done where additional width is available. The encroachment in Industrial Areas will be removed. The street lights/ road side lights would be repaired within a six months time. 24×7 power supply would be ensured w.e.f. 1st July, 2015. The water supply in Industrial Areas would be ensured from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM regularly. It would be the effort of the Administration to beautify the Industrial Areas for which parks/ green belt would be developed. Existing fountains would also be made functional.

The inter connectivity between Industrial Area, Phase-I and II will be examined. It will be the endeavour of the Administration to execute various development works in a time-bound manner so that the industrialists find the best of infrastructure for the growth of industry in the Industrial Areas. All the concerned departments will ensure proper maintenance and cleanliness for beautification of the Industrial Areas.

It would be the endeavour of the Chandigarh Administration to provide quality and uninterrupted 24×7 power supply and to cater to increase in power load expeditiously after periodical assessment by the engineering wing. Also new power connections would be released for Industrial Units as per demand and viability within the specified time frame. Further Non conventional and Renewable sources of energy would be encouraged. Automation, up-gradation and renovation of Distribution system in the vicinity of the area will be done regularly and DSM and energy efficiency plan will be implemented.

CHAPTER - VIII

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECH TO BE THE KEY DRIVER OF GROWTH.

The Chandigarh Administration has set up IT Park (Phase I & Phase II) on an area of 351 acres. It would be ensured to preserve the existing eco-sensitive nature of the area. Due to proactive policy of the Administration, exports to the tune of Rs. 1850 crores with a manpower deployment of 20,000 persons has already been achieved in IT Park, Phase I & II and 70 Hi-tech companies like IBM, Infosys, Tech Mahindra have already set their ventures in the IT Park. The Administration has also set up an Entrepreneur Development Centre in the IT Park to provide incubation facilities to the new entrepreneurs.

6.1 ENTREPRENEUR DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

The Entrepreneur Development Centre (EDC) envisaged by the Department of IT, Chandigarh Administration is an important step towards the promotion and support to entrepreneurship. The EDC has been built on an approximate area of 1.6 acres (70,000 sq. ft) with Rs. 18.71 crores approved project cost.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

The primary aim of EDC is to fuel embryonic business ideas and awaken the spirit of entrepreneurship in the youth. EDC is expected lead to boost software exports from Chandigarh by encouraging Young Entrepreneurs and Small and Medium Enterprises in setting up entrepreneurships. EDC has been planned as a transit point for budding IT companies that are willing to come to the IT Park but do not have space of their own.

6.2 BENEFITS

There has never been a better time to enter a business plan competition. While the financial inducement for any competition is undoubtedly an attractive element for cash-pressed entrepreneurs, it is of secondary importance when one considers the other real benefits resulting from participating in a competition.

1. Tap into increased support for entrepreneurs

2. Obtain critical independent analysis of your business plan
3. Gain access to mentors and networking opportunities
4. Improve key transferable skills
5. Enhance your understanding of what investors want

Further IT would be the major focus area in the IT Park as well as Industrial Area, Phase-I, and Phase-II. For that software as well as hardware will be permissible in the Industrial Area, Phase-I and Phase-II also and for that change of project will be permissible.