

**Gujarat Industrial Policy 2015 -
Scheme for Incentive to Industries**

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Preamble

Gujarat has always been at the forefront of economic growth in the country. It is one of the leading industrial states. Government of Gujarat has announced an ambitious Industrial Policy 2015, in January 2015, with the objective of creating a healthy and conducive climate for conducting business and augmenting the industrial development of the state. The Industrial Policy has been framed with the broad idea of enhancing industrial growth that empowers people and creates employment, and establishes a roadmap for improving the state's ability to facilitate business. Gujarat's development vision will continue to emphasize on integrated and sustainable development, employment generation, opportunities for youth, increased production and inclusive growth.

Make in India is a prestigious program of Government of India. The Industrial Policy 2015 of the Government of Gujarat envisages a focused approach on the Make in India program as the state's strategy for achieving growth. Gujarat is a national leader in 15 of the 25 sectors identified under the Make in India program, and is also focusing on 6 more sectors. Thus, with a strong base in 21 out of the 25 sectors under Make in India, Gujarat can take strong leadership in this prestigious program of the Government of India.

The Industrial Policy 2015 aims to encourage the manufacturing sector to upgrade itself to imbibe cutting edge technology and adopt innovative methods to significantly add value, create new products and command a niche position in the national and international markets. Creating forward and backward linkages

in manufacturing will help in creating a strong multiplier effect in the economy, which would boost consumption and growth.

In order to achieve its vision of making the state a globally competitive industrial and innovative destination, that stimulates sustainable development and promotes inclusive growth, and to facilitate investments into the state, the Industrial Policy 2015 outlines a strategy for achieving growth that includes the promotion of labour intensive industries, a focused approach for industrially under-developed areas, accelerating the development of infrastructure, strengthening sector specific approach, up-gradation of technology and R&D. The policy also provides for a special focus on MSMEs, with a view to enhance their competitiveness and making them more technology driven.

The industrial and investment scenario in the country is getting more and more competitive, with almost all the major industrial states announcing liberal incentive policies during the last few years. It is necessary for Gujarat to maintain its competitive edge in attracting new investments into the state, which is essential for increased production and new employment opportunities. The state government has announced a few incentive schemes during the last three years for certain sectors or categories of industries. It is to note that most of the major industrialized states have announced incentive policies for new investment in all sectors of the industry in their states. During the national and international road shows held in the run-up to the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2015, one of the major concerns expressed by the participants and prospective investors, was the lack of an incentive scheme for making fresh investments in the state, especially in comparison to the major industrialised states of the country.

In view of the above, introduction of a scheme for giving incentives to new investments in the state in the manufacturing sector was under consideration of government. After careful consideration, government is pleased to introduce a scheme to provide incentives to attract increased investments to the state in the manufacturing sector to create more employment opportunities, for balanced regional growth and inclusive development of the state.

