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Hon'ble Chief Minister;

Officers of Assocham and Representatives of Industry;

Officers from Government of Haryana;

Members of the Press;

Distinguished gathering!

It is my proud privilege to be part of this august gathering today. I want to thank Assocham for showcasing Haryana – land of the Bhagwat Geeta and Eternal Karma – which has surged ahead at growth rates ranging from 9.9% currently to upto 13/14% over last five years.

OUR GROWTH STORY

Friends, Haryana has only 1.6% geographical area of the country and 1.9% of its population. Yet our commitment to economic upliftment can be gauged from the fact that in six years of Congress rule since March, 2005, Haryana has surged from 14th rank in per capita investment in the country to 1st rank. Haryana is No.1 in country with 81% of all committed investments materializing on the ground. Except for the small State of Goa, Haryana is also No.1 in per capita income in the entire country.

Perhaps, it is not without reason that out of over one crore two-wheelers produced in India, 30 lakhs are produced in Haryana alone i.e. every 3rd two-wheeler on Indian roads. Also, out of nearly 20 lakh cars produced

in India, 10.20 lakh cars are produced in Haryana alone i.e. every 2nd car on Indian roads. Haryana also produces 60000 tractors every year i.e. every 6th tractor on Indian roads. 80% of all mobile cranes and every 2nd earth-mover made in India, is also made in Haryana.

All this has happened for a reason. That reason is commitment of our Chief Minister, Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda in the belief that 'economic prosperity is the gate-way to social security and overall growth'. It is for this reason that our planned budget i.e. the budget we spend on creation of social and physical infrastructure in the State has increased from Rs.2200 crore in 2004-05 (when Shri Om Parkash Chautala was Haryana's Chief Minister) to Rs.20,358 crore this year i.e. 2011-12. Ladies and gentlemen, this is a 10-fold increase in the developmental budget of any State in India, that is truly unprecedented and the best evidence of our commitment.

Once upon a time, it was loosely said that in Haryana, 'only culture is agriculture'. We are, indeed, proud of our agrarian roots and are committed to its growth. It is for this reason that Haryana is today No.1 in milk production in the country as also No.1 in per capita productivity of wheat. It is, however, a result of our commitment to change the focus of economic growth story that economic survey of 2010-11 reflects that 80% of GDP of Haryana comes from tertiary sector and not necessarily agriculture. In 2009-10 alone, exports from Haryana exceeded 43,000 crore. Exports from IT and IT enabled services alone were Rs.23,000 crore during this period. This reflects the distance that we have seamlessly covered of co-existence of an agrarian society with a modern economic outlook aspiring to move ahead.

WHY HARYANA?

Why Haryana, that is a valid question that you must ask?

Negativity is not our forte as our Chief Minister only believes in positive energy. Yet I must point out that we neither have the communal tensions or bootlegger mafia as in Gujarat nor do we permit organized mafia as in Uttar Pradesh to thrive or survive in our State. Businessmen of Haryana are a witness that we have finest law and order situation with peace loving and hardworking people. Industrial relations, unlike in many red bastions - most of whom have now ceased to exist – are harmonious and cordial. We have an astounding record of cordial employer-employee relationship.

WHAT SET US AS APART?

Often, it is said that Haryana's proximity to Delhi is our strength. Respectfully, I do not wholly agree with this view.

Our biggest strength is our tolerance, capacity to assimilate and to harness talented individuals as also organizations. In Haryana, we will not judge you by your sub-nationalities, nationalities, language, religion, gender or colour or your skin. We will judge you only by your talent, your intellectual capital, your capacity to invest and grow and to be part of Haryana's and India's growth story.

Ladies and gentlemen, look inside your heart and tell me – Can the biggest business centres of India – from Bombay (oops! Or shall I say Mumbai) to Ahmedabad; Calcutta to Madras (or shall I say Kolkatta to Chennai) - say the same thing? Is it not true that you will be judged differently if you belong to minority community in Gujarat? Is it also not true that certain forces will identify you as not a '*true Marathi-Manush*' in Mumbai?

Is it not true that quest for identity of language and color of skin in many other States is well known? And they may be right in holding their opinion. I am not going to judge them subjectively.

However, in Gurgaon, which is truly a world city, you will find any number of Japanese, Thai, German, Spanish, Italian and Chinese food outlets co-existing with outlets selling '*nans, paranthas and lassi*'. With all humility, we, simpletons Haryanvis that we are, only recognize the color of humanity and that is a political lesson that my Chief Minister sitting here and all of us have inculcated and spread.

Haryana also provides a truly urban land scape that has made us a hub of 'Corporate India' other than a manufacturing hub. It is the quality of life and widespread participation of private sector in development of our cities and towns enabling opportunities for education, health and entertainment that has made us what we are today.

While, Indira Gandhi International Airport is situated more in Gurgaon than in Delhi, four major National Highways i.e. NH-1 (Delhi-Ambala-Amritsar), NH-2 (Delhi-Faridabad-Agra), NH-8 (Delhi-Gurgaon-Jaipur) and NH-10 (Delhi-Rohtak-Hisar-Sirsa) crisscross through the State besides extensive railway arteries.

OPPORTUNITIES

Entire National Capital Region (NCR) of Delhi, 75% of which is Haryana, provides unfathomable opportunities in itself. 2/3rd of Haryana falls within the influence area of Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project. It has our focused attention. A study by DMIC Consultants estimates the value of industrial output in DMIC Zone to increase by 374% over next 34 years.

We are finalizing the master plan for Manesar-Bawal Investment Region – its centre point and a number of early bird projects like **‘Exhibition-cum-Convention Centre’** at Gurgaon to replace the existing **‘Pragati Maidan’** and much more; an integrated Multi-Model Logistics Hub and a Mass Rapid Transit System between Gurgaon-Manesar-Bawal with sufficient ridership available even today. These initiatives provide a great investment opportunity to the investors.

Our Industrial and Investment Policy, 2011 aims at facilitating balanced economic development of hinterland areas; allowing large industrial infrastructure in public-private partnership; support to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises through cluster approach and provide an institutional framework for policy review and grievance redressal. Soon enough, we propose to invite bids for setting up three industrial estates in public-private partnership spread over an area of 2000 acres or more with State’s participation being only 15% and with an assured land bank. 50% of the area of these estates would be used for industries, 20% for residential, 10-20% for commercial and remaining 10% for institutional.

Haryana State Industrial & Infrastructure Development Corporation or HSIIDC is itself developing nearly 16065 acres of land at a cost of Rs.4100 crore. This includes Industrial Model Township and New Industrial Estates at Rohtak, Faridabad and Kharkhauda besides expansion of existing ones at Manesar, Rai, Bawal, Barhi and Barwala.

State has also not lagged behind in ensuring enhanced employability, skill development and institutions of excellence. In six years, State has added nearly a dozen Universities, besides Institutions of Excellence like Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Manesar; Centre for Plastic

Engineering & Technology (CIPET), Murthal; National Institute for Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Kundli; Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI), Rohtak; National Automotive Testing & R&D Infrastructure Projects (NATRIP), Manesar; Indian School of Business (ISB), Gurgaon ; State Institute of Film & TV, State Institute of Fashion & Design, State Institute of Fine Arts, Rohtak; IIM, IIT, Defence University, AIIMS and National Institute of Design are presently under execution. All this has happened in six years on account of our belief that excellence begets excellence.

Ladies and gentlemen, we may not be able to offer you land for free like in many other States. We may not be able to offer you the biggest tax breaks and extensive low interest loan amounts like in many other States. We shall, however, offer you a peaceful State, a cordial industrial atmosphere, loving and hardworking human material, sincerity of our purpose and personal commitment of our simple yet straight forward Chief Minister, Shri Bhupinder Singh Hooda and our entire government for hassle-free atmosphere to grow and to walk forward. I take this opportunity to humbly request you to look at Haryana from this prism of our commitment and sense of purpose.

JAI HIND!