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MESSAGE

I am delighted to learn that the All India Induction Furnaces Association is organizing a national conference of "Strengthening Green Steel Production: Building Pillars for New India".

The conference and its theme are of utmost importance in the present scenario with the rising importance of steel production and undoubtedly, an increasing proportion shall be through the Induction Furnace route. The Indian steel sector as a whole had been facing adverse market conditions due to lower demand and dumping of steel into the country. The small and medium enterprises have particularly been affected by this situation. The Government has taken positive steps and made interventions to counter these adverse conditions. The government has recently eliminated the categorisation of steel industry based on primary and secondary producers, opening up a large competitive market for small and medium enterprises. Initiative such as the "Steel Upscaling Project" executed in association with UNDP have brought positive transformation in the sector, with regard to improving its efficiency parameters, particularly reduction in energy consumption & GHG emissions. The Government is fully committed and working in close coordination with the industry and Association to ensure a stronger and better future for the sector.

It is important for the industries to join hand and work in unity towards sustainable development for the sector. Platform such as this provides an important opportunity for the industry and Association to discuss key issues and come up with positive & innovative solutions and also provide valuable inputs for consideration of the Government for formulating policy interventions. Such programs also give the industry an opportunity to be acquainted with latest technologies and practices enabling them to be technologically updated. I am confident that the deliberations will be meaningful in charting out appropriate strategies to avail opportunities for strengthening the secondary steel industry.

I extend my best wishes to the organizers to make the event a great success.


(Ruchika Chaudhry Govil) 7/11/17