FACTORS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN A DYNAMIC WORLD AND INDIAN ADVANTAGES.

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**ABSTRACT** 

In this global economy, the basic factors of industrialization need to be supplemented by 6 other factors especially skill, innovation and entrepreneurship. Optimal utilization of all these factors need support of a robust Entrepreneurship Eco System (EES). Development of entrepreneurship, MSMEs and skill together with an effective EES received adequate emphasis in FY16 budget. This will be an advantage for India in its efforts towards industrial progress ahead of its competitors. India is also reaping the advantage of declining oil price. It has other advantages like big domestic market and access to a few large regional blocks like SAARC, ASEAN and BRICKS where more and more economic co-operation is forthcoming.

Key words: Entrepreneurship Eco System, Innovation, Skill development, Technology, Competition

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Factors of industrialization remain the same, as it was in the beginning of industrial revolution- land,

labor and capital. But, in the modern globalised economies, intense global competition, fluctuation in

demand and supply, need for cost control and up-gradation of product quality and innovation, even

volatility of interest and exchange rate affecting costing, are to be continuously addressed and engaged

with. Therefore, some more factors have emerged and assumed more significance, as follows:

1) Physical infrastructure: It refers to the basic physical structures required for an economy to function

and survive, such as transportation networks, a power grid and sewerage and waste disposal

systems. Viewed by some developmental economists as part of a three-pillar system, along with human

capital and good governance, physical infrastructure is a prerequisite for trade and other productive

activities. In a functional sense, a society's physical infrastructure facilitates the production of goods and

services.

2) Competition: the activity or condition of striving to gain or win something by defeating or establishing

superiority over others. Provides level playing field and opportunity for talented.

3)Technology: It is knowledge that deals with the creation and use of technical means and products and

their interrelation with life, society, and the environment, drawing upon such subjects as industrial arts,

engineering, applied science, and pure science. It creates new / additional demand and enables low cost

supply

4) Skill development—Skills and knowledge are the driving forces of economic growth and social

development for any country. Countries with higher and better levels of skills adjust more effectively to

the challenges and opportunities of world of work. The current capacity in India, of the skill development

programs is 3.1 million. India has set a target of skilling 500 million people by 2022. Govt. with

participation of industry/trade associations and educational institutes is the main provider..

5) Innovation: The process of translating an idea or invention into a good

or service that creates value or for which customers will pay.

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To be called an innovation, an idea must be replicable at an economical cost and must satisfy a specific

need. Innovation involves deliberate application of information, imagination and initiative in deriving

greater or different values from resources, and includes all processes by which new ideas are generated

and converted into useful products. In business, innovation often results when ideas are applied by

the company in order to further satisfy the needs and expectations of the customers. In a social context,

innovation helps create new methods for alliance creation, joint venturing, flexible work hours, and

creation of buyers' purchasing power. Innovations are divided into two broad categories:

Evolutionary innovations (continuous ordinary innovation) are brought about by many incremental

advances in technology or processes. Revolutionary innovation (also called discontinuous innovations)

which are often disruptive and new.

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6)Entrepreneurship: It means the capacity and willingness to develop, organize and manage a business

venture along with any of its risks in order to make a profit. In economics, entrepreneurship combined

with land, labor, natural resources and capital can produce profit. Entrepreneurial spirit is characterized

by innovation and risk-taking, and is an essential part of a nation's ability to succeed in an ever changing

and increasingly competitive global marketplace, as mentioned above. In that context, it is important

that they are good in anticipating/foreseeing future market demand for new product and or upgraded

product as also volatility in forex and interest rates. In short, entrepreneurs make innovation both

instinctive and intrinsic and a deeply embedded capability.

Optimal utilization of all these factors further requires build -up in public-private partnership, of a proper

Entrepreneurship Eco system (EES).

The predominant metaphor for fostering entrepreneurship as an economic development strategy is this

EES. It refers to the elements – individuals, organizations or institutions – outside the

individual entrepreneur that are conducive to the choice of a person to become an entrepreneur, or the

probabilities of his or her success following launch. Organizations and individuals representing these

elements are referred to as entrepreneurship stakeholders. Stakeholders are any entity that has an

interest, actually or potentially, in bringing more entrepreneurship in the region. Entrepreneurship

stakeholders include government, schools, may universities, private sector, family

businesses, investors, banks, risk management experts, social leaders, research centers, military, and

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labor representatives, students, lawyers, cooperatives, communes, multinationals, private foundations, and international aid agencies.

Economies of scale can be explored mainly by private sector in business functions such as business

development, financing, market analysis, marketing communications, IT / MIS infrastructure, human

capital management, legal support, risk, financial & accounting management while each participating

startup focuses on research & development, product Management, and sales, pre-sales, and after-sales

support.

It also includes efficient delivery of the following essential confidence building facilities and systems

mainly through govt.: a) Effective legal system. b) Proper Governance. c) Maintaining Law & Order d)

Clean Environment: a must for better living and therefore creates demand, broaden and deepen

technology and attracts investment and skill.

Development of entrepreneurship, MSMEs and skill together with an effective EES received adequate

emphasis in India in FY16 budget. This will be an advantage for India in its efforts towards industrial

progress ahead of its competitors.

To re-engineer the education delivery architecture and establish premier educational institutions, the

budget has provided adequate fund. The establishment of a National Skills Mission under the skill

development and entrepreneurship ministry which will consolidate initiatives across 31 sector skill

councils will help skill youth to provide an employable base for the 'Make in India' mission. It has also

placed a special focus on helping entrepreneurs, thereby helping them make a transition from job

seekers to job creators.

Recognizing the importance of entrepreneurship and MSMEs and improved access to finance, It

announced to set up a Micro Units Development Refinance Agency Bank for the MSME sector and

boost growth of small business and manufacturing units. The government also announced measures to

set up an electronic trade receivables platform for SMEs, which will boost the liquidity available to such

enterprises and also address the working capital crunch faced by the sector due to delayed periods of

receivables. Propelling growth in the sector, which constitutes close to 57.7 million units, contributes

around 45% to industrial output and 40% to total exports, will lead to job creation and manufacturing

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capability.

The multi-pronged focus of the budget on core, industrial and social sectors will allow a synchronized

easing of supply side bottlenecks, job creation with a specific focus on entrepreneurship and micro,

small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and readying a highly employable workforce, along with

improved standards of living.

The gradual reduction in corporate tax rates from 30% to 25% over four years will provide impetus for

investment. This sets the stage for India's growth recovery to become more balanced, sustainable and

inclusive over the medium run. India is also reaping the advantage of declining oil price. It has other

advantages like big domestic market and access to a few large regional blocks like SAARC, ASEAN and

BRICKS where more and more economic co-operation is forthcoming. Thus dependence on developed

but weakening country markets like EU could be reduced.

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