



**State Level workshop on
Grassroots Reachout & Networking in India on
Trade & Economics (GRANITE) Phase II**

Monday, August 17, 2009, 0930 – 1400 hrs

Hotel Golden Tulip, Jaipur

Background

CUTS Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment (CITEE), Jaipur with the support of the Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi and Novib (Oxfam, The Netherlands) is implementing a three-year project titled, “Grassroots Reachout & Networking in India on Trade & Economics (GRANITE) Phase II. Among others, one of the primary objectives of this project is to foster equality and accountability in economic governance system in India and ensuring better economic literacy to generate a more coherent civil society voice on economic governance in the country *vis-à-vis* effect of globalization on the livelihood of the poor, particularly marginalised and women. The project broadly aims towards articulating policy coherence between WTO guidelines and national development policies to reduce poverty levels and adopt distinct methodologies and focus areas.

The GRANITE Phase II was conceptualised on the basis of important lessons learnt from the implementation of first phase, which was implemented from 2005-07. The second phase spans for the three years i.e. from 2007-10. It is implemented in eight states, viz. Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharastra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, in partnership with civil society organizations (CSOs) working at the grassroots focussing on Agriculture, Horticulture and Textiles from India, given their significance in the generation of employment in India.

During the second phase an institutional analysis (a critique) on the process of preparation and implementation of the National Foreign Trade Policy of India, 2004-09 was done in the first year of the project i.e. from April 2007 to March 2008. While state government officials and business stakeholders were consulted for doing this analysis, civil society organisations and community-based organisations were extensively consulted in order to advocate for making the process of preparation and implementation of the National Foreign Trade Policy of India more inclusive – in economic sense as well as in social and political terms.

In the second year (April 2008 to March 2009), project partners conducted Case Study on specific products in order to understand whether and how as a result of the implementation of the National Foreign Trade Policy of India, 2004-09 affected (or, not affected) export of that specific product.

Context

In Rajasthan CUTS CITEE conducted a Case Study on Gems and Jewellery sector. Primary focus of the case study was to find answer to the following questions:

- Whether as a result of NFTP, exports of specific products (Gem and Jewellery, *in case of Rajasthan*) have increased?
- What has been the impact of the increase (*or, no increase*) in Gem and Jewellery export on the various stakeholders in a Gem and Jewellery economy?
- What are the channels through which the benefits of the National Foreign Trade Policy percolate down to the grassroots?
- What can be done to better integrate International Trade and Human Development at the grassroots?

State Level Workshop for Phase II

The State Level Workshop for Phase II will be held on August 17, 2009 at Hotel Golden Tulip, Jaipur and will provide a platform to share our research findings as well as to take inputs from the esteemed invitees to make further improvements in our future course of action. Since the stakeholders will be in the best position to chalk out strategies which best suit local conditions their inputs will be invaluable for preparing the future roadmap of the project. The objective of state level workshop for Phase II is as follows:

- ❖ to present the research findings;
- ❖ share opinions for making the NFTP more pro poor;
- ❖ share views and opinions as to what could be done to increase exports of Gem and Jewellery from Rajasthan; and
- ❖ areas of further research

Target Audience

- ❖ Government officials
- ❖ Gems and jewellery sector representatives
- ❖ Business associations
- ❖ Media representatives
- ❖ Other stakeholder

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0930 – 1000	Registration
1000 – 1030	<i>Opening Session</i>
1000 – 1005	Welcome Remarks by Siddhartha Mitra, Director (Research) & Head CUTS CITEE
1005 – 1015	Overview of Gems & Jewellery Sector in Jaipur Sanjay Singh, Regional Director, Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC)
1015 – 1030	Opening Remarks by Manohar Kant, Commissioner, Department of Industries, Government of Rajasthan
1030 – 1130	<i>Session I: Gem and Jewellery Sector in Rajasthan – An Analysis of Strength, Limitations, Opportunity and Threat</i>
1030 – 1100	CUTS Research findings on Gem and Jewellery Sector in Rajasthan Anutosh Biswas, Assistant Programme Officer, CUTS CITEE
1100 – 1110	Remarks by Rajiv Jain, Vice Chairman, Sambhav Gems Ltd.
1110 – 1120	Remarks by Nawal Agarwal, Birdhichand Ghanshyamdas Jewellers
1120 – 1130	Discussion
1130 – 1200	<i>Tea/Coffee</i>
1200 – 1230	<i>Session II: Foreign Trade Policy of India and Gems & Jewellery Sector: Policy Reflections and Role of Central and State Governments</i>
1200 – 1210	Remarks by B. N. Sharma, Secretary, Rajasthan Chamber of Commerce and Industries
1210 – 1220	Remarks by L. C. Jain, WTO Cell, Department of Industries, Government of Rajasthan
1220 – 1230	Discussion

1230 – 1300	<i>Session III: Trade Policy Formulation: Role of Civil Society Organisations</i>
1230 – 1240	Remarks by Siddhartha Mitra, Director (Research) & Head CUTS CITEE
1240 - 1250	Remarks by Sharad Joshi, Secretary, CECOEDECON
1250 - 1300	Discussion
1300 – 1400	<i>Session IV: Promoting Gem and Jewellery Sector from Jaipur – Role of Industry Associations</i>
1300 – 1310	Remarks by Gaurav Joshi, Assistant Director, Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council
1310 – 1320	Remarks by Nitin Gupta, Head, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
1320 – 1330	Remarks by Gyan Prakash, Director, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) Rajasthan State Council
1330 – 1340	Remarks by Malti Jain Chandkika, Resident Director, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)
1340 – 1400	Discussion
1400	<i>Lunch</i>

** Speakers to be confirmed.*