Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS) Scheme provides investment grant for modernization, technology upgradation and capacity expansion in all segments of the leather industry. The scheme provides financial assistance @ 30% of the cost of plant and machinery for SSI units and 20% of the cost of the plant and machinery for Non-SSI units, subject to a ceiling of Rs.200 lakh (@ 20% to all units above the assistance of Rs.50 Lakh). The IDLS Scheme is implemented through multiple agencies as detailed below:

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As part of the XII Five Year Plan 2012-17, during the year 2012-13, the Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India has sanctioned a total of 246 cases having total project investment of Rs.176.26 Cr for investment grant of Rs.45.37 under IDLS Scheme. Being the Facilitation Agency, the CLE has duly followed up with these 246 units from time to time and vigorously pursued with the beneficiary units to approach SIDBI for completing documentations, guided them on the documentations so that the SIDBI Branches could lodge the claim with the SIDBI HO, Lucknow. Based on this, the SIDBI HO consolidates the cases which are ready for disbursements, and send fund request to the DIPP.

With the vigorous facilitation and coordination done by the CLE with the beneficiary units and guidance provided to the units on the documentations to be done with the SIDBI, and also based on the follow-up done with the SIDBI Branches, the funds have already been released for 193 cases. In other words, funds were already disbursed for 79% of the approved 246 cases. The Council is following up with remaining 53 outstanding cases. As per current status information, 4 cases have already completed the process, and 23 cases for which the beneficiary units already approached SIDBI and documentation process is under progress. Other 14 cases are individual case-specific issues. 12 cases are non members, and no response cases. The deadline fixed for disbursement in respect of these cases is 31.12.2013.

Similarly, the Council is pursuing with 56 approved cases involving combined grant of Rs.6.56 Cr and 28 cases involving combined grant of Rs.3.45 Cr, which were approved by the DIPP, Government of India during current financial year 2013-14 (till Sept 2013). The basic objective of the Council will be to ensure that the these units approaches the SIDBI and documentations are completed, This will enable the SIDBI Branches to lodge the claim with SIDBI HO., which is the most essential action required for SIDBI HO to send fund request to the DIPP.

The Open House Meets for IDLS Scheme are being conducted at CLE Offices, every Wednesday, at Chennai, New Delhi, Agra, Jalandhar, Kanpur, Kolkata & Mumbai. All issues concerning the IDLS Scheme are taken up in these Open House Meets including documentations, application submission & Processing, formalities to be done with the SIDBI after receipt of Sanction Letter, claim lodging & fund disbursement.

In this issue, the 5th to 8th editions of the Open House Meets for IDLS Scheme, held from Oct 23, 2013 to Nov 13, 2013 is covered. In all, 30 units attended 5th meet (23.10.2013), 20 units attended the 6th meet (30.10.2013), 14 units attended the 7th Meet (06.11.2013) and 22 units attended the 8th meet (13.11.2013)

Shri K Abdul Sattar Khan, Regional Director(South), Shri O P Pandey, Regional Director(Central), Shri Sanjay Kumar, Regional Director(North), Shri Tapan Chattopadhyay, Regional Director(East), and Shri D K Acharya, Regional Director(West) conduct the Open House Meets at their respective Regional Offices. Shri R K Shukla, Assistant Director for Agra, conducts the meetings at Agra. Similarly, office in charge Shri Sachin Behl organizes the meetings at Jalandhar.
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Snapshots of various Open House Meetings held in October/ November 2013 are given below.

Southern Region: 23.10.2013

Shri K Abdul Sattar Khan, Regional Director (SR) & Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Assistant Director (ILDP) interacting with participants

Session under progress

Case Study

Southern Region 6.11.2013

Shri K Abdul Sattar Khan, Regional Director (SR), and Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Assistant Director (ILDP) interacting with the participants
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Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Assistant Director (ILDP) explaining the guidelines to the participants

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Eastern Region: 23.10.2013

Shri Tapan Chattopadhyay, Regional Director (East), CLE conducting the Open House Meet at Kolkata

Interaction & case study

South Region: 13.11.2013

Shri R Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Executive Director-CLE, addressing the participants of Open House Meet on 13.11.2013 at Chennai
Shri R Ramesh Kumar, IAS, Executive Director-CLE, interacting with the participants. He is flanked by Shri K Abdul Sattar Khan, Regional Director (SR) and Shri A Fayaz Ahmad, Assistant Director (ILDP), CLE

Shri A. Fayaz Ahmad, Assistant Director (ILDP), Head Office, attends at the Open House Meets held at Chennai, and also takes part in the Open House Meets at other regions from the CLE HO through Video Conference or Mobile Phone, and makes clarifications and guidance on case-to-case basis, guidelines for receipt of applications, technical and financial appraisal coordination, documentations to be completed with SIDBI etc, and holds discussions with the units. The ILDP Unit in CLE monitors the approved cases under IDLS Scheme for the purpose of submission of various reports to the DIPP, Government of India as desired by the DIPP. All the production units in the leather sector are requested to attend the Open House Meet for IDLS Scheme, which is held every Wednesday at CLE offices. The details of the application submissions, documents required as enclosures, process to be followed with the SIDBI etc will be explained by the CLE during the open house meetings for the benefit of the industry.

Central Region - 13.11.2013

Shri O.P. Pandey, Regional Director (CR), CLE interacting with member-exporters