Integrated Development of Leather Sector (IDLS) scheme is one of the sub-schemes of Indian Footwear, Leather & Accessories Development Programme (IFLADP), which proposes to incentivize investment and manufacturing including job creation by providing backend investment grant/subsidy for modernization/technology upgradation and/or expansion of existing units and also for setting up a new unit. The approved implementation period of the IFLADP is for three financial years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 and as such, the validity period of the IFLADP will come to an end on 31st March 2020.

Shri P R Aqeel Ahmed, Chairman-CLE, has taken up with Government of India requesting to extend IFLADP by one more year till March 2021.

In the Pre-Budget consultation meeting held on 11.06.2019 participated by Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon’ble Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, and Shri Anurag Thakur, Hon’ble Minister of State for Finance, Chairman-CLE requested for extension of the IFLADP by one more year.

Chairman-CLE has submitted a formal representation dated 17.06.2019 to Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT), Govt of India, requesting for extension of the IFLADP by one more year till March 2021.

Chairman-CLE has met Shri Anil Agrawal, IPS, Joint Secretary, DPIIT on 14.10.2019 and requested him to extend IFLADP for one more year from the current period of 2017-2020.

Chairman-CLE has led an Industry delegation of 40 members to an exclusive meeting with Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon’ble Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, Govt of India on 13.11.2019 in which various issues were represented including extension of IFLADP period.

Though the DPIIT has assured to favourably consider the request, DPIIT is yet to take a formal decision and notify the same. As such, industry has to proceed with application submission keeping in view the Scheme would expire on 31st March 2020. It will be a safer option for the industry to submit applications immediately in the online portal as the entire process of application submission, technical appraisal at PIUs and its submission to DPIIT, its approval process and funds disbursement to the units at DPIIT etc may generally consume at least about 3 months timeframe.

The CLE hereby call upon the industry members to take steps to file their applications under IDLS Scheme at the earliest in the online portal, more preferably before 30.11.2019 itself, on sooner the better principle. This would give time to the agencies/authorities to examine, approve and disburse the funds before 31st March 2020.

All are welcome to approach CLE office for any guidance and clarifications they may require in preparing and submitting their applications in the online portal. Open House Meetings on IDLS Scheme is being held every Wednesday at CLE offices between 10.30am and 1.00pm and all are welcome to attend the Open House Meetings.

ONLINE PORTAL: https://www.idls.fddiindia.com/