

Brief on Working Groups and Sub Group dealt by IC-CIS Division

There exists an India Russia Inter-Governmental Commission (IGC) on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Corporation (IRIGC-TEC). IRIGC-TEC is under the Aegis of Ministry of External Affairs. Minister of External Affairs from Indian side and the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation from Russian side are co-chair.

2. Under the said IGC, there are two working groups and one sub-group which are being handled by DPIIT, as detailed below:-

2.1 India-Russia Working Group on Modernization and Industrial Corporation (IRWG-M&IC): It was established in 2012 and is co-chaired by Secretary, DPIIT from the Indian side and Deputy Minister for Trade and Industry from the Russian side. The protocol signed in this meeting is reported to India Russia IGC which is handled by MEA.

The last meeting (8th) meeting of Working Group on Modernization and Industrial Cooperation was held on 22 November, 2019 in Moscow (Russia).

2.1.1 Sub Groups under IRWG-M&IC:-

Under this IRWG-M&IC, there are four sub-groups each on Mining, Fertilizer, Civil Aviation and Modernization which are co-chaired by the Joint Secretaries concerned in respective Ministry/Department from Indian side i.e. Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Ministry of Civil Aviation and DPIIT.

Out of above four sub-groups, the sub-group on Modernization is handled by DPIIT and is co-chaired by the concerned Additional/Joint Secretary in-charge of Russia in DPIIT. All the four sub-groups report to IRWG on M&IC.

The last meeting (8th) meeting of Sub-Group on Civil Aviation was held on 19th July, 2019 in Moscow (Russia).

The last meeting (8th) meeting of Sub-Group on Fertilizer and Chemicals was held on 23rd August, 2019 in Moscow (Russia).

The last meeting (8th) meeting of Sub-Group on Modernization was held on 21 November, 2019 in Moscow (Russia).

The 8th meeting of Sub-Group on Mines was not held as there was no agenda point to discuss.

2.2 India-Russia Working Group on Priority Investment Projects (WG-PIP)

It was set up in 2013 with the objective to list priority Investment Projects of India Russia cooperation, review the progress of their Implementation and suggest measures for realization of these identified projects. The joint Working Group is co-chaired by Secretary, DPIIT from Indian side and Deputy Minister for Economic Development from Russian side.

The 6th session of the Working Group on Priority Investment Projects took place in Moscow and New Delhi in the format of videoconference on January 15, 2020, co-chaired by Mr. T.I. Maximov, Deputy Minister of Economic Development of the Russian Federation and Dr. G. Mohapatra, Secretary, DPIIT.

3. Indian-Belarusian Inter- Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Cooperation:

The Tenth Session of the Indian-Belarusian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation was held on March 4 – 5, 2020 in New Delhi, Republic of India. From the Belarusian Side the session was co-chaired by the Minister of Industry of the Republic of Belarus, H.E.Mr.P.V.Utiupin. From the Indian Side the session was co-chaired by the Minister of State for Commerce and Industry of the Republic of India Shri Som Parkash.