

### **British India Corporation Ltd. (BIC)**

The British India Corporation (BIC) Limited was taken over the GoI in June, 1981. It has been operating two woollen mills; namely, Cawnpore Woolen Mills, Kanpur (U.P.) and New Egerton Woolen Mills, Dhariwal (Punjab), popularly known as “Lal-Imli” and “Dhariwal” mills respectively.

These units are engaged in manufacturing of woolen / blended suitings, serge-battle dress, uniform cloths/angola shirtings as per specification of Armed Forces and Police & DGS &D, etc. and lohis, shawls, tweeds, blazer, rugs and blankets both for civil and armed forces / Police / DGS&D and civil markets.

A Scheme for revival of the company at the cost of Rs 214 crore was approved by BIFR in December, 2002. Rehabilitation work was started and some modernisation was undertaken. GoI also released Rs 49 crores as grant and Rs 37 crores as interest free loan, besides waiving off old interest and converting unsecured loan into equity including derating as a part of rehabilitation programme. The Corporation has also paid entire outstanding dues of secured creditors/financial institutions under OTS. Except interest of Rs. 11.56 crores to SBI, the company is free from all encumbrance.

In the implementation period during 2004-05, the production increased to 3.4 lakh kgs. of yarn and 12.28 lakh meters of cloth valuing Rs. 27.14 crores against 2.55 lakh kgs. Of yarn and 11.15 lakh meters of cloth valuing Rs. 20.85 crores in the year 2003-04.

Further progress of Sanctioned Scheme, 2002 got slowed down on account of reluctance of Government of U.P. to allow conversion of leasehold land into freehold land.

The progress of Scheme, 2002 was reviewed by BIFR on 28.11.2005 and a modified rehabilitation scheme at the cost of Rs. 273.28 crores was approved by BIFR on 14.02.2008. Implementation of the scheme will start after approval of the Cabinet. The matter is under active process.

The present strength of employees is 2,464.

The Company has subsidiary companies namely M/s Elgin Mills Co. Ltd. and Cawnpore Textiles Limited, both in Kanpur in U.P. are presently closed for quite some time.