

FICCI comments on GDP growth, increases to 5.7% in Q1 2014-15

New Delhi, 29 August, 2014: “The GDP data released today indicating a growth of 5.7% in Q1 FY15, vis-à-vis 4.6% increase in Q4 FY14 comes as a welcome breather and clearly points towards a pickup in economic activity. The overall economic sentiment has seen an improvement in last couple of months and we are quite optimistic that this positive trend will continue through the year in view of several positive measure taken by the new government. This momentum has to be carried forward with greater fervor”, **said Mr Sidharth Birla, President, FICCI**

Growth in the three major sub segments is in line with the broad expected trend. The manufacturing growth at 3.5% in Q1 FY15 after two consecutive quarters of negative growth provides some respite. However, the growth in manufacturing sector has come at the back of a low base. Also, though a turn around has been noted in gross fixed capital formation, the uptrend in investment cycle needs to be firmed up further. Some of the announcements made in the first 100 days by the new government are expected to facilitate both foreign and domestic investments. We are hopeful that the 'Make in India' vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister supported by requisite policy framework and implementation will help India move to the higher rungs of the manufacturing ladder”, **added Mr. Birla.**

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