



Classification of Industry

The State will identify key thrust areas for according greater importance to sectors keeping in view their potential in contributing to the socio-economic development of the State. These sectors will be provided comprehensive support through specific policy initiatives. Following are the thrust areas, which would be offered priority status.

- a) Infrastructure Power, Roads, Rail, Communication, Connectivity, Airports, Ports.
- b) Manufacturing - Agro- based Industries, Textiles, Auto and Auto components, Electronic products, Pharmaceuticals and Gems and Jewellery.
- c) Services – Sunrise Technology and Service Sectors including Information Technology, I.T. enabled services, Biotechnology, Nano technology, (Retail, Tourism, and Entertainment.)
- d) Mumbai- Pune - Nashik – Aurangabad Quadrilateral will be provided greater infrastructure support to develop its full potential for knowledge-based, manufacturing and agro-based industries.
- e) Establishment of Gas distribution networks in major industrial areas in the State to improve availability of cleaner and cost effective fuel.

The State, in addition to the Industrial Investment and Infrastructure Policy, will formulate out the following policies for achieving the objectives and facilitating investment in the thrust areas mentioned above.

- i) **Agro Processing Policy:** Enthused with the success of the Grape Processing Policy 2001, it is proposed to bring out a comprehensive Agro Processing Policy with focus on food processing and preservation which besides providing adequate technical and scientific training to the farming community will aim at creating off farm jobs and bringing greater value addition for the rural population.
- ii) **Textile Policy :** Since the Handloom, Textiles, Garment and Apparel manufacturing Industry is highly labour intensive and has potential of providing large scale employment, especially to women, the State will formulate a comprehensive Textile Policy aimed at creating world class infrastructure, state of art technology and upgradation of technical skills through proper training in this sector.
- iii) **Retail Policy:** The organized retail sector in India is growing at around 20%. Maharashtra with over 43% urbanization has therefore great potential for the development of this sector. Retail helps rural marketing; establishment of supply chains and has huge employment potential. The State will, therefore, come out with a comprehensive Retail Policy which will facilitate the setting up of malls, address concerns of retailers and create conducive environment by amending relevant Acts including labour laws.
- iv) **Infrastructure Development Policy / Act:** Infrastructure is the backbone of any state and its economy. The Infrastructure Policy will aim at facilitating creation of appropriate and adequate infrastructure through public and private sector participation and at addressing the concerns of project participants in matters connected with or incidental to development of infrastructure.