

Functions

1. As per Government Resolution

Functions originally assigned to the Tariff Commission vide resolution no. F. No. A-42012/1/98-E.IV/CDN dated 2nd September, 1997 and subsequently revised on 8th September, 1998

Out of functions assigned to the Commission as per the Resolution cited above the Commission is performing the following functions:

- a. To make recommendations as an expert body, on matters referred to it by Government regarding fixation of tariff and all tariff related issues in relation to trade in goods and services, keeping in view the interest of various sectors including production, trade and consumers and taking into account the international commitments. The Commission should aim at evolving an overall tariff structure and look into the issue of tariff rationalization.
- b. To make a detailed impact analysis on select sectors like textiles, agriculture, automobiles information technology, chemicals, steel and engineering goods through a multi-disciplinary team.
- c. To carry out technical studies on cost of production of different goods and services and their competitiveness in relation to other countries.
- d. Core function of BICP including pricing, efficiency, improvement and cost reduction, issue of Public & Private sector, Industrial Product & Services
 - i) Commodities under Administrative Price Mechanism (APM)
 - ii) State monopolies/public utilities
 - iii) Government procurement
 - iv) Price monitoring
 - v) Others
- e. To undertake other tasks as may be assigned by the Government from time to time.

2. **Function emphasized in 2012-13 by Tariff Commission**

In view of the functions indicated above, the Commission prioritised in 2012-13 the requirements of DIPP and NMCC especially for providing inputs for the issues highlighted in the National Manufacturing Policy and to make the domestic manufacturers internationally competitive. In view of this experience the Commission proposes the following areas:

- (i) Evolving an overall tariff structure and looking into the issue of tariff rationalization with a view of studying its impact on the domestic manufacturers as regards export competitiveness, inter-alia, covering the following aspects:
 - ❖ Quality control
 - ❖ Technology gaps
 - ❖ Role of Public sector
 - ❖ Mapping schemes of various Ministries
 - ❖ Analyzing the gaps in skills
 - ❖ Adequacy of testing facilities
 - ❖ Adequacy of standards
 - ❖ Provisions in procurement system for encouraging
 - Technological development
 - Production development
 - Building national manufacturing capabilities
- (ii) Examining the Free Trade Agreements and their impact on the competitiveness of domestic manufacturers
- (iii) To tender advice on Technological developments /requirements
- (iv) Innovative pricing for PSUs
- (v) Examining the inverted duty structure in products with a view to enhancing the trade competitiveness of domestic manufacturers.

The functions listed in para 2 even though subsumed in the functions already assigned to the Tariff Commission as in para1 specifically delineates the emphasis of the Commission.