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 ${f U}$ his is to certify that the report entitled "Feasibility Report on Upgradation of IICT, Bhadohi to a National Level Textile Institute of University Level"—A DPR in compliance to SFC/EFC stipulations submitted by IICT, has been prepared based on consultation /discussion with us from time to time. The co-operation and support extended by Director IICT as Project leader, Mr. K.K. Bajpai, Associate Professor, Management Faculty, School of Management Sciences, Varanasi and Dr. S.K. Pal, Professor, IICT as field experts is highly appreciated. Many documents pertaining to physical and financial progress reports, portfolio wise achievements, strategic directions of competent authorities, reference of VIP (Member of Parliament, Bhadohi) minutes of various review meetings including the preliminary DPR and direction by the then DC(HC) have been made available. Further, terms of reference (TOR) of the project proposal and subsequent TOR guided to focus our action point/deliverables in tune with the time frame enumerated in the road map. The SFC/EFC format dully filled in backed by various statements: physical, financial, statutory etc. were also seen and verified. The proposed financial cost estimates seems to be reasonable and justified considering the renderable service to the rural folk and potential demographic dividend. Interestingly the elements like fashion, advanced technical and design labs, advanced computation and I.T. labs, EDP cell etc. are novel and unique to strengthen the competency of the existing B. Tech and modular courses on one hand and proposed M.Tech. Curriculum in Technology Management in Carpet & Textiles and other emerging modular courses, including outreach activities on the other. This upgradation and successful execution may eventually pave the way for IICT to become a full-fledged Textile University in future. The proposed upgradation cost of Rs. 68.42 Cr (Non rec: Rs 54.24 Cr, Rec: Rs.14.18 Cr) to be executed over a period of 5 years seems reasonable.

In our considered opinion, it is too early to recommend the proposal for converting IICT to University status, as of now. Upgradation of facilities and faculties as proposed is recommended and should be executed over a period of five years. It is felt that the institute must strive to be well equipped with strong faculty resource which is evolutionary, more time consuming as compared to creating infrastructure capabilities of buildings, equipment etc. Thereafter, in the next phase it would seem more appropriate to pitch IICT to the level of a full-fledged university.

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