MESSAGE

Promoting electronics and electronics manufacturing sector in India has been a key focus of our Government. The digital economy, including electronics sector, is an important driver of the Indian economic growth story. Electronics has not only been a tool for doing business and for enhancing ease of living, in India it has also been a tool for bringing about social inclusion and better digital delivery of services to common Indian erasing the digital divide. Under the visionary leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, we are committed to taking forward electronics manufacturing and increasing its usage in India in all spheres. In the past 4 years, electronic manufacturing in India has increased at a phenomenal rate.

The fast pace of innovation and technology and new areas of application leads to fast obsolescence of electronics products which also creates an ever increasing volume of electronics waste (e-waste) which needs to be managed in a scientific and systematic manner.

One of the concerns with regard to e-waste management in India is the recycling and disposal of e-waste in the informal sector, often by unscientific means which creates serious environmental hazards. The challenge is compounded by a general lack of environmental awareness in public, consumers, producers, regulators and recyclers. As part of the visionary Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, we are committed to creating a cleaner and environmentally sustainable India. Taking forward this vision in our Ministry, I am happy that we have taken the initiative to generate awareness about the e-waste recycling in informal sector and making the public and industry aware of the best practices on alternative safe methods to promote responsible, safe and environmentally sustainable of disposal of e-waste.

I wish all the very best to the organizers and participants of the programme in their noble endeavour.