

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

## **The Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

### **RCCI Standing Committee Meeting on Cottage/Small Industries**

**Venue: Khalid Waheed Conference Hall**

**Time: 02:30pm**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February , 2013**

**Chairman: Mian Ahsan Rehman**

**Vice Chairman: Choudhry Fahad Iqbal**

**Minutes Recorded by: Amara Saleem**

<b>S. No</b>	<b>Points Of Discussion</b>
	The meeting was formally started with the recitation of Holy Quran.
1.	<p>The chairman of Standing committee on Cottage/Small Industries Main Ahsan Rehman started the meeting with the word of thanks to all participants and elaborated the importance of RCCI standing committees in general and small/cottage industry in particular. He appreciated Chamber for activating such meetings and follow up on the important matters discussed there in. He further highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Recently Government of Punjab is taking initiative by making District committees for relocation of industries from the populated areas to the Industrial Estate. Chairman Mian Ahsan shared his point of view that this relocation is possible only if Government support the businessmen financially for this relocation, as moving a industry from its existing place may require 5 to 50 million rupees. Secondly, State should provide plots with full infra structure and facilities.</li><li>• Safety gadgets to be provided to the people associated with small cottage industries.</li><li>• Craft Emporium Rawalpindi is initiated by the Government of Punjab, Department of Industry &amp; Investment. Chamber should pressurize government to complete this project on priority basis so that Artisan who have skills can earn good value of their handmade products.</li><li>• Art Products of Small/Cottage Industry should be exhibited along with Artisans at work, at</li></ul>

	<p>RCCI platform so that businessmen from international market can visit and order. This will definitely bring foreign exchange.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorandum of Understanding with Punjab Small Industries Corporation may be signed so that RCCI and PSIC can come up with collective projects for betterment of economy.</li> </ul>
2.	Presentation on Cottage/Small Industries was delivered by Ms. Amara Saleem R & D department.
3.	<p>President RCCI Mr. Manzar Khurshid Shaikh highlighted the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cottage/Small Scale Industries should be taken into focus &amp; developed to enhance the exports.</li> <li>• Cottage/Small Scale industries should be into the confined areas.</li> <li>• The idea of Craft Emporium was appreciated.</li> <li>• Problems related to Cottage Industry will be presented in DCO Office.</li> </ul>
4.	Senior Vice President RCCI Ch. Pervaiz Ahmed Warraich further stated that RCCI already planned further developments for the cottage industries.
5.	One of the member highlighted the role of Research & Development from investment perspective.
6.	At the end, Chairman of Cottage Industries Main Ahsan Rehman thanked all the participants and meeting was adjourned with the vote of thanks.