

“ Friends,

There was a time when the role of the bureaucracy was primarily that of a regulator, one that controlled the pace of industrialization and entrepreneurship. But the country has now moved far beyond that mind-set. Today, we are creating an environment that promotes enterprise among citizens and helps them overcome every barrier. Therefore, the Civil Service must become an enabler—not merely the keeper of rule books, but an active facilitator of growth. Let me give you the example of the MSME sector. As you know, the country has launched the Mission Manufacturing initiative. The success of this mission largely depends on our MSME sector. Amidst the changes happening globally, our MSMEs, start-ups, and young entrepreneurs now have a historic and unprecedented opportunity. In such a scenario, it’s crucial that we become more competitive in the global supply chain. We must also remember that MSMEs are not just competing with small entrepreneurs—they are competing globally. If a small country offers better ease of compliance to its industries, then it will be in a better position to compete with start-ups from our country. That’s why we must constantly assess where we stand among global best practices. If Bharat’s industries aim to create globally best products, then Bharat’s bureaucracy must aim to offer the best ease-of-compliance environment in the world.”