

“Manufacturing sector remains a challenge and unless radical steps are taken, It will continue to be a challenge. Manufacturing is where jobs are... we have to set our house in order ... Entry point itself has to be eased and initial barriers have to be lowered or perhaps removed while an enabling environment has to be provided, “ Jaitley said.

He added that India can not afford to have polices “ which rotationally change and half way through our business we find that there is a different policy from what we had planned”

The government is working on addressing issues including lack of labour flexibility, trade facilitation, stability of policy, robust IPR regime, lack of skilled manpower project implementation, ease of doing business and providing a competitive tax regime. Stressing on the need to improve domestic manufacturing at low cost with quality products the minister said that by country becoming “nation of traders rather than the nation of manufacturers”.

He also acknowledged the need to ensure liquidity in the markets and said that the success of bankers’ retreat with prime minister Narendra modi later this week and “make in India” campaign will push later the manufacturing sector. Modi is meeting bankers on january 2-3 in pune to chalk out a blue print of reform for the banking sector.