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The government is absolutely serious about setting up of country's second exclusive medical device industrial park at Mihan SEZ, Nagpur. The same was conveyed in person to Mr Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator, AIMED by Shri Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Surface Transport after consulting with Mr Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers, Govt of India.

Mr Nath and other representatives of AIMED met Shri Nitin Gadkari to discuss the possibility of setting up of country's second proposed exclusive medical device park. After being assured of huge import substitution potential of Rs 23000 crores of imports and even greater potential of exports and preliminary viability, Mr Gadkari asked AIMED to work out the details and other modalities of this project on priority basis. Mr Gadkari assured all support to make the project a super success and also requested AIMED to submit a note of what's needed as a national policy to boost domestic manufacturing of medical devices .

It may be known that the <u>country's first proposed medical device park</u> is coming up at Andhra Pradesh, also a result of the initiative of AIMED. Mr Nath has suggested allocation of 200 acres within Mihan SEZ or adjoining it and customizing the facilities to attract a cluster of industries around a common manufacturing facilitation centre with ETO and Gamma Radiation sterilization facility, a high technology machining centre and common tool room, common testing facilities to attract core medical devices possibly other than electronics as the one coming up at Andhra is already being designed to provide special competitive advantage and facilities to electronic medical device manufacturing.

"We are extremely happy with this development and the wholesome desire of the government to set up country's second proposed exclusive medical device park. Mr Gadkari's initiave and encouragement is commendable and we all believe that Nagpur is an excellent location for this park to come up as it has all ingredients to make it a world class, internationally competitive manufacturing centre," said Mr Rajiv Nath, Forum Coordinator, AIMED which has advantage for immediate readiness.

An AIMED delegation would soon be visiting Mihan SEZ, Nagpur to take first hand stock of location and draw plans for early

