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	Interviewing team thanked Mrs. Seth for her time and informed her about the SCI-Pak project.
	<p><u>Existing Policies:</u></p> <p>She told that under the SME policy of 2007 (copy attached), SMEDA was performing regulatory and support roles for local SMEs. The support services include access to finance, access to technology, reverse engineering, common facility centers and technology incubation centers.</p> <p>Regarding the energy and resource efficiency, she mentioned that though SMEDA was undertaking energy efficiency and resource efficiency initiatives in industry in the form of trainings and energy audits, whereas the policy regarding sustainability in industries was developed by Ministry of Industries and Production. She mentioned that the draft of Industrial Policy was under review which had recommendations on Energy as well.</p>
	<p><u>State of SMEs:</u></p> <p>Regarding the current state of SMEs, she mentioned that capacity and applicability of Sustainable Production practices was highly subjective to the type of industry. However currently market is driving the change towards energy and resource efficiency.</p>

	<p>She mentioned that SMEDA had conducted SME baseline survey to better access the capacity and needs of SMEs. (copy attached)</p> <p>Regarding the challenges, she mentioned that there were no external bench marks of efficiency measures are available. Hence during the process of audit, she SMEDA developed internal bench marks of the industry of which the audit was being conducted.</p>
	<p><u>Role Regarding Capacity Building:</u></p> <p>She mentioned that SMEDA was working on skill development, job creation and technology transfer in energy efficiency area. In this regard, SMEDA she conducts energy auditing training sessions, develops energy service companies and registers energy efficiency consultants to undertake energy efficiency activities.</p> <p>SMEDA also undertakes cleaner production and energy efficiency courses with universities.</p> <p>SMEDA has worked on Cleaner Production project in leather sector in form of sector assessment.</p> <p>Regarding interventions in textile sector, she mentioned development of energy management system software which was developed in collaboration with Gtz. Under the project, energy management software systems have been installed within the participating industries which incorporate energy consumption monitoring with ongoing plant operations. Also as part of energy management systems, appointment and trainings of energy managers in industrial concerns has also been done.</p> <p>She mentioned about a project in collaboration with JICA in which Energy management systems were being established. In this regard, Energy Conservation Cell has been established in All Pakistan Textile Mills Association (APTMA) which is monitoring the project performance.</p> <p>SMEDA is in the process of development of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) in collaboration with Gtz. Under the program, SMEDA has registered different ESCOs in Pakistan. As next step, it is going to bring up their capacities through trainings. Finally the ESCOs will be assisted to gather business. This will be done by offering of the performance guarantee by Gtz to industry to assure the industry that the ESCOs will bring about the claimed efficiency improvements.</p>
	<p><u>Access to Finance:</u></p> <p>Regarding access to finance activities, she explained that SMEDA was not a</p>

	<p>financing body hence its role was to bridge gap between banks and SMEs. In this regard, it raises the awareness within the SMEs on different lending schemes and help SMEs to develop systems of accounting and book keeping to meet the lending requirements of the banks.</p> <p>She mentioned that while undertaking energy efficiency efforts, the issue of finance for efficiency was never raised by industry. However availability of consultants who can develop models of efficient technologies has always been raised as a barrier.</p>
	<p><u>Policies in Pipeline:</u></p> <p>She mentioned the proposal to form Energy Conservation Fund under the auspices of Energy Conservation Center (ENERCON) which will be created to fund the energy conservation projects.</p> <p>Similarly she mentioned that proposal of technology development fund was under review of ministry of industries and production to develop local technologies.</p>
	<p>She also suggested developing codes and standard for different energy consuming thermal and electrical utilities so that inefficient utilities could be mitigated.</p>
	<p>She consented to participate in the policy dialogue.</p>
	<p>She also consented that she could be contacted for any further information as well as she could be quoted for the minutes of the meeting.</p>