

## **Meeting with Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Information Technology – 9th March 2012**

Mr. Amit Sharma, Chairman, Amcham's ICT Committee; and Executive Vice President – President Asia, ATC Tower Company of India Pvt. Ltd., accompanied by Mr. Harish Krishnan, Director, Global Policy & Government Affairs, Cisco – India & SAARC; Mr. Avinash Ramachandra, Senior Manager, Dell International Services India Pvt. Ltd.; and Ms Madhvi Kataria, Deputy Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce in India (Amcham), called on Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Information Technology, on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to discuss the electronics manufacturing policy.

Amcham members pointed out that last year saw slow-down in the growth in the telecom sector due to various developments. They called for a stable tax regime. They also discussed that it was difficult for Preferential Market Access (PMA) to go beyond 5 per cent.

Dr. Ajay Kumar said that the Government was aiming at progressively higher value addition in manufacturing.

Amcham members pointed out that PMA was based on the assumption that domestic manufacturing could lead to higher security. Amcham members pointed out that it was not important where the products were manufactured, but how they were manufactured.