

## **CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award 2006**

The CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award, given annually was instituted in commemoration of CSIR's Diamond Jubilee in 2003. Director General, Dr Mashelkar emphasized the fact that it is given for technological development in the country by Indian innovators and which meets the highest global standards.

Prime Minister, Dr Manmohan Singh awarded the CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award 2006 to "Tejas Networks India Limited," a Bangalore-based next-generation company.

### **Citation**

*"Tejas Networks India Limited", an innovation-driven company has been conferred with the CSIR Diamond Jubilee Technology Award 2006 for development of Next Generational Optical (SDH/SONET) Networking products and its successful commercialization from India.*

*Tejas products are differentiated by their embedded software intelligence, which enables advanced features such as auto-discovery of network topology, automated end-to-end provisioning through an easy-to-use, web-based Network management System (NMS) that simplify operation and management of optical networks.*

*The cost-effective modular but scalable products are targeted at an entire range of networks starting from small but medium customers to large carrier-class networks to cover the complete gamut of carrier-access requirements. The technological edge that Tejas has acquired is reflected in the immense customer acceptance that it has achieved. Besides being the leading equipment supplier to Indian telecommunication carriers and service providers, Tejas has also made its presence felt in global markets by deploying tens of thousands of Tejas equipment across the globe in various customer networks in over 50 countries.*

*Continuing with its leadership position in this technology, Tejas is now well poised to leverage its R&D prowess to deliver breakthrough products in the field of "Packetized Optical Transport." These products are designed to combine the features of Next-Generation of SDH/SONET with MPLS in a seamless way, enabling Tejas Networks to have a significant footprint across the global telecom industry."*

The award carries a cash prize of Rs Ten lakhs, a shield and a citation.

Shri Sanjay Naik, CEO of *Tejas Networks India Limited* sincerely thanked CSIR in his brief Acceptance speech and said that the Tejas team was honoured. He expressed thanks that such a young company was chosen for this prestigious award. He told the audience that six years ago, Tejas was set up in Bangalore, with a vision to start a major telecom company. He said that it has been a tremendously exciting journey and that global equipment companies are choosing Tejas as a partner. He emphasized that this was a situation where India was developing a product that global MNCs were taking up instead of the other way around and that this gives encouragement to go on.