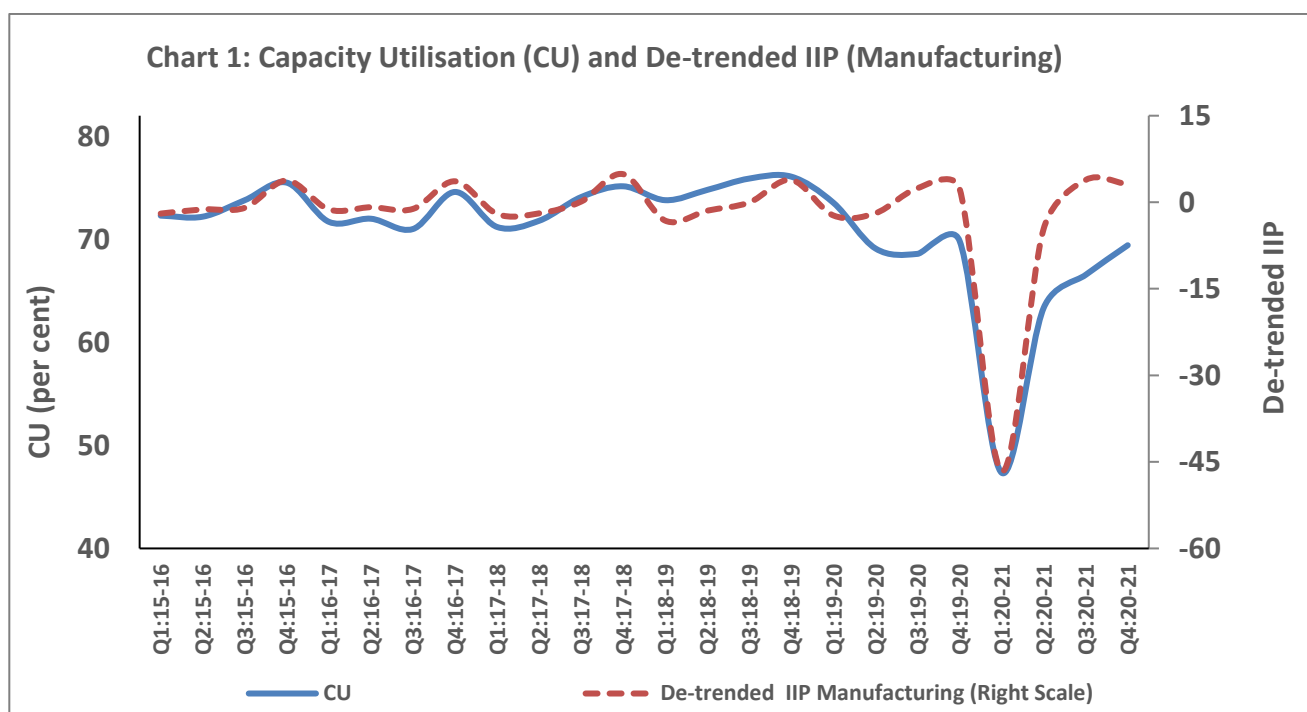


OBICUS Survey on the Manufacturing sector for Q4:2020-21

Today, the Reserve Bank released the results of the 53rd round of the Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS) for the January-March 2021 quarter covering 584 manufacturing companies. The survey provides a snapshot of demand conditions in India's manufacturing sector¹.

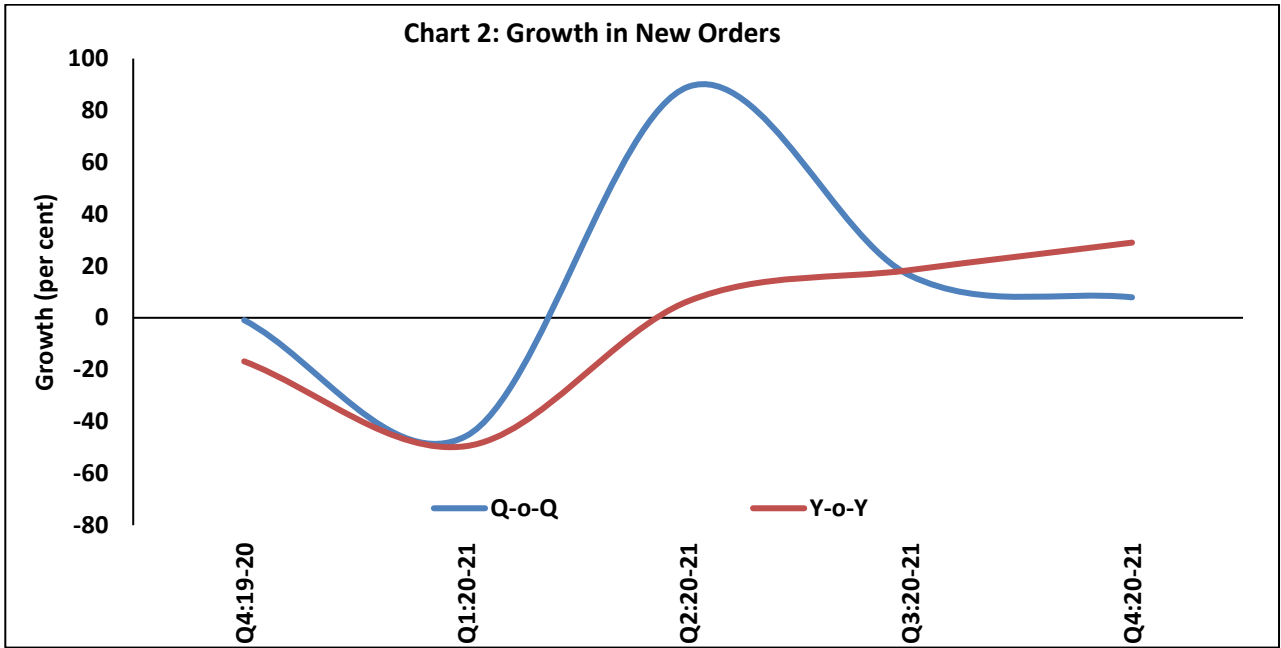
Highlights:

- The aggregate capacity utilisation (CU) level increased to 69.4 per cent in Q4:2020-21 from 66.6 per cent recorded in the previous quarter, supported by gradual improvements in demand conditions after further easing of restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, before the onset of its second wave in mid-March 2021 (Chart 1).

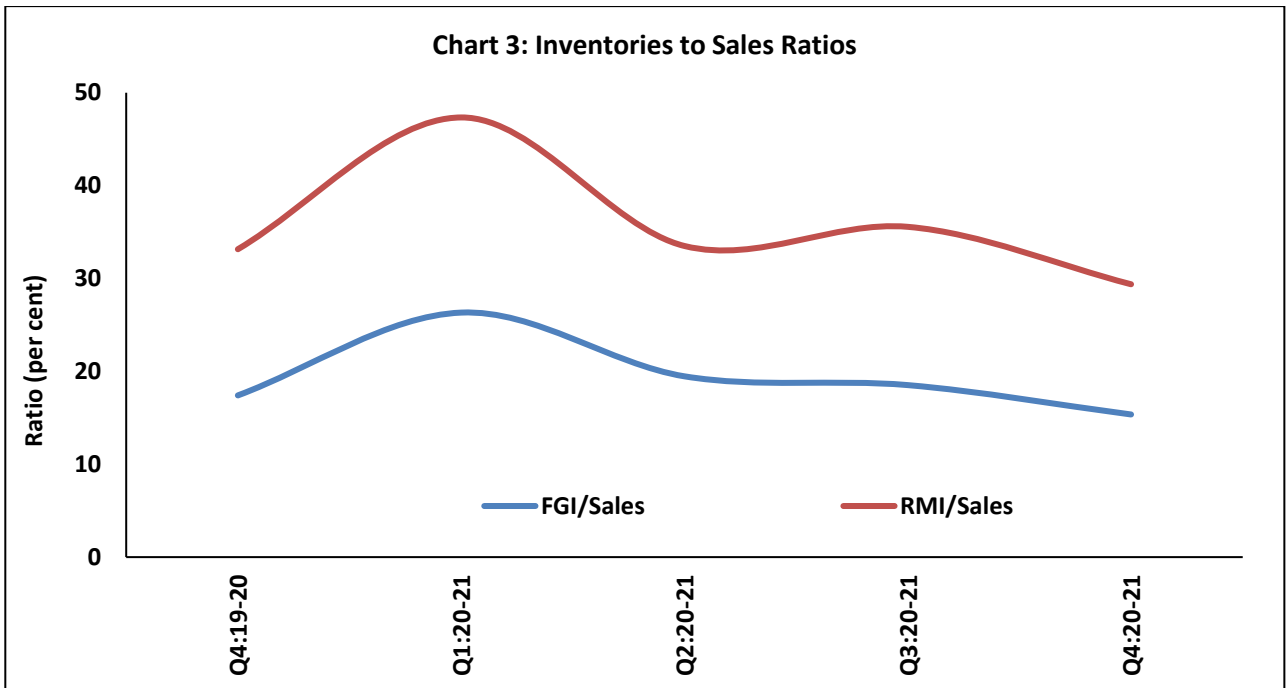


- Manufacturing companies received more new orders during Q4:2020-21, when compared to that in the previous quarter as well as in the corresponding quarter a year ago (Chart 2).
- New order growth (Y-o-Y) remained positive from Q2 to Q4:2020-21 after remaining in the negative terrain for the preceding two quarters, which were partially affected by the nationwide lockdown conditions after the onset of the pandemic.

¹The survey responses are voluntary. Results of the previous survey round were released on the Bank's website on [April 07, 2021](#).



- As sales increased at faster pace when compared to the increase in raw material inventory (RMI) and finished goods inventory (FGI) during Q4:2020-21, the ratios of both RMI and FGI to sales declined (Chart 3).



Note- [Please see the excel file for time series data.](#)

ANNEX 1: Data Tables

Quarter	Number of responding companies	Capacity Utilisation	IIP-Manufacturing (Quarterly Average)	De-trended Quarterly IIP-Manufacturing
Q4:2019-20	349	69.9	127.9	2.4
Q1:2020-21	406	47.3	77.9	-46.6
Q2:2020-21	563	63.3	121.2	-4.6
Q3:2020-21	610	66.6	133.2	3.9
Q4:2020-21	557	69.4	136.5	3.1

*: Index of Industrial Production (Base: 2011-12)

Quarter	Amount (₹ Crores)			Q-o-Q Growth (%)***			Y-o-Y Growth (%)		
	Average Backlog Orders	Average New Order Book	Average Pending Orders	Average Backlog Orders	Average New Order Book	Average Pending Orders	Average Backlog Orders	Average New Order Book	Average Pending Orders
Q4:2019-20	184.0	146.6	178.8	-1.6	-0.9	-2.8	4.5	-16.8	-1.8
Q1:2020-21	178.6	79.7	182.4	-2.9	-45.6	2.1	-1.2	-49.5	-1.4
Q2:2020-21	182.9	150.7	159.5	2.4	89.1	-12.6	-2.2	6.4	-14.7
Q3:2020-21	158.7	175.2	177.6	-13.2	16.3	11.3	-15.2	18.4	-3.5
Q4:2020-21	177.9	189.2	176.6	12.1	7.9	-0.6	-3.3	29.0	-1.2

** : As required for calculating growth rates in recent 5 quarters.

***: Not seasonally adjusted

Quarter	Amount (₹ Crores)					Ratio (per cent)		
	Average Sales	Average Total Inv	Average FG Inv	Average WiP Inv	Average RM Inv	Total Inv/Sales	FG Inv/Sales	RM Inv/Sales
Q4:2019-20	1113.4	609.9	193.8	47.3	369.1	54.8	17.4	33.1
Q1:2020-21	651.7	562.3	171.6	82.3	308.5	86.3	26.3	47.3
Q2:2020-21	887.4	557.9	172.7	87.9	297.3	62.9	19.5	33.5
Q3:2020-21	997.2	618.1	184.7	78.8	354.6	62.0	18.5	35.6
Q4:2020-21	1227.9	633.2	188.6	83.8	360.7	51.6	15.4	29.4

RM - Raw Material; WiP - Work in progress; FG - Finished Goods; Inv – Inventory.