

## **Regarding need to expedite approval for establishment of Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) at Palakkad in Kerala-Laid**

**SHRI V. K. SREEKANDAN (PALAKKAD):** The extension of Chennai Bengaluru Industrial Corridor to Kochi via Coimbatore was approved with Palakkad Industrial Area in Kerala admeasuring approx. 1,710 acres as the priority node for development way back in 2019 as part of the National Industrial Corridor being implemented by the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implement Trust jointly by the State and Central Governments. As part of this project, an Integrated Manufacturing Cluster (IMC) has been planned to be set up in Palakkad. The NICDCT has already approved the project cost of Rs. 3815 crores for the IMC at Palakkad. Out of the total land requirement of 1710 acres for the Palakkad IMC, the State Government had already acquired 1273 acres of land at Puthussery Central and Kannambra by spending a Rs.1344 crore by State Government. The IMC at Palakkad expects investment of over Rs. 10,000 crores as well as employment to 10,000 unemployed youth. State Government is yet to get nod of the Central Government for above and matter is pending before the Union Government since December, 2022. Therefore, it is urged that the Central Government may take immediate decision on the above, so that planned project can be implemented and attract investment and create jobs for thousands of unemployed youths.