

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:743

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003

INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE (CLUSTERS) UPGRADATION SCHEME

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have planned to implement the Industrial Infrastructure(Clusters) Upgradation Scheme (IIUS) during the Tenth Five Year Plan ;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have identified the locations for such clusters in the country ;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ;
- (d) whether Government have also any proposal under consideration to set up industrial clusters in some more districts like Araria and Samastipur of Bihar ;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the efforts being made by the Government to boost the domestic industry globally competitive?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (f): A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 743 FOR ANSWER ON FEBRUARY 12, 2003

Industrial Infrastructure (Clusters) Upgradation Scheme

- (a) . Yes sir, the Government has approved a new plan scheme i.e. Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation scheme (IIUS) to be implemented in the Tenth Five Year Plan.
- (b) and (c). No sir, the locations of clusters to be taken up for development under the scheme have not been identified .The locations will be identified and approved for development by an Inter-Ministerial APEX Committee only after the scheme is notified.
- (d) and (e). No Sir, the Government of India has no proposal for setting up of new industrial clusters in the districts like Araria and Samastipur of Bihar. Under the Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme (IIUS), as approved, it is proposed to upgrade the industrial infrastructure in the existing industrial locations which have comparative advantages and growth potential so as to enhance the competitiveness of the Indian industries.
- (f). The Government has taken several policy initiatives to make the domestic industry globally competitive. These steps have been targeted to improve competitiveness of Indian industry in general and boost investment in the industrial sector. The steps taken by the Government include; improvement in industrial infrastructure base, upgradation of manufacturing technology, sectoral studies carried out by Department of IPP on cement, pulp & paper and engineering goods including electrical goods to devise strategies to ensure long-term sustainability of growth in these industries, sector-wise strategies to boost production for exports in key sectors, de-reservation of 75 items from SSI list, rationalization of excise duty by bringing down to three tier slabs, reduction of customs duty, import of capital goods from 25 percent to 5 percent, encourage Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows, improve sentiments in stock market, encouragement to maximize exports, boosting liquidity through lowering of interest rates and enforcement of Electricity Bill 2003 for facilitating comprehensive power sector reforms, etc.