

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EXPORT INFRASTRUCTURE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have provided any financial assistance to States for development of export infrastructure and allied activities in the States;
- (b) if so, the details of the grants provided during the last three years and current year;
- (c) whether any guidelines have been issued by the Union Government for utilization of Central Grants;
- (d) if so, whether there is any proposal to give special incentives to the States to increase their share in the country's export; and
- (e) if so, the details of the same?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

a) Government of India provides financial assistance to all States and Union Territories (UT), under a scheme titled Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) for development of export related infrastructure based on their export performance.

b) Details of grant provided to States/UTs during the last three years are as below:

(Rs crore)

Year	Amount
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2001-02	43.52
2002-03	241.00
2003-04	252.00

During the current year Rs 54.25 crore have been provided to States/UTs so far.

(c)to(e) Guidelines have been issued for utilisation of grants under the ASIDE Scheme. As an incentive to States to increase their share in the country's exports, the allocation of funds to the States is made on the basis of their export performance in the previous year.