

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

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MINERALS AND METALS TRADING CORPORATION
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation has decided to develop free trade warehousing zones;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified therefor; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to develop trade related infrastructure?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. MMTC has decided to set up Free Trade Warehousing Zones and has identified Greater Noida, Kandla, Mumbai, Ennore, Haldia and Kochi as possible locations.

(c) Government of India in the Department of Commerce provides financial assistance to States and Union Territories for development of export infrastructure based on their performance under a scheme titled Assistance to States for Development of Export infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE). The scheme has two components. 80% of the funds (State component) earmarked for allocation to the States based on their export performance and balance 20% (Central component) and amounts equivalent to unutilized portion of the funds allocated to the States is retained at the Central level for meeting the requirements of inter-State projects, capital outlays of Special Economic Zones (SEZs). The budgetary allocation, including for North Eastern Region, for ASIDE Scheme is Rs. 500 crore for the current financial year.