

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1768  
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INDUSTRIALISATION OF POOR AND BACKWARD STATES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) the steps so far taken for industrialisation of Bihar State and North-East Region;
- (b) Whether the Government has appointed any consultancy agency to take up evaluation for industrialisation in Bihar and North-East Region;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : With a view to promote industrialisation of the backward areas in the country, the Central Government in June, 1988 announced Growth Centre Scheme. Under this Scheme all the 71 Growth Centres proposed to be set up throughout the country have been sanctioned. These would be endowed with basic infrastructure facilities like power, water, telecommunication, banking etc. to enable the States to attract industries. Five(5) Growth Centres have been sanctioned for the State of Bihar. Ten(10) Growth Centres have been sanctioned for the North Eastern States.

North-East Industrial Policy (NEIP) was announced on 24.12.1997 for promoting industrialization in the North-Eastern region. Under this Policy, various concessions have been allowed to industrial units in the North Eastern Region, which include development of industrial infrastructure, excise and income-tax exemption and Subsidy Schemes like Central Capital Investment Subsidy, Central Interest Subsidy, and Central Comprehensive Insurance Scheme. New Industrial Policy and other concessions for the State of Sikkim was announced on 23.12.2002 by the Government on the lines of NEIP. M/s. Tata Economic Consultancy Services has undertaken an impact Evaluation Study of the North East Industrial Policy(NEIP).