

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

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. INDUSTRIAL PARKS

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

- (a) the countries with which India has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up of industrial parks during the last three years and the current year and the present status thereof along with the employment generated thereby;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to sign MoUs with some more countries in the regard, if so, the details and locations thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to give priority for setting up of private industrial parks to pursue industrial infrastructure development and to mitigate the unemployment problems in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to enhance the quantum of investment of its Gross Domestic Product in research and development activities for sustaining high growth in future and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the security measures taken while signing MoUs with countries in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): During the last three years, including the current year, India has signed one MOU on "Cooperation on Industrial Parks in India" with Peoples Republic of China on 30.6.2014. As a follow up to this, Industrial Extension Bureau, a Govt. of Gujarat Organisation signed an MoU with China Development Bank Corporation, China for supporting setting up of Industrial Parks in Gujarat. Further, Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation, an undertaking of Government of Maharashtra signed an MOU with Beiqi Foton Motors Co. Ltd., a company incorporated in China for setting up an Industrial Park in Maharashtra.

(b): There is no such proposal under consideration with the Government of India.

(c): There are no restrictions on setting up of Private Industrial Parks in the country. The Government has launched several initiatives including National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs) to develop industrial infrastructure and generate employment opportunities in the country. Further, the Departments/Ministries related to manufacturing sectors have schemes for development or upgradation of industrial clusters and these will help in creating better industrial infrastructure and employment in the country.

(d): It has been and will remain the endeavour of the Government to increase investment in research and development so that suitable and cost effective indigenous products are developed for supporting higher manufacturing growth in the country.

(e): Wherever and whenever necessary, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Home Affairs are consulted before signing MoUs with foreign countries. In all cases, consultation is done with Ministry of External Affairs.