

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS
RAJYA SABHA
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DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICALS & PETROCHEMICALS SECTOR

1626. SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives taken by Government towards ensuring the development of the chemicals and petrochemical sector in various States including Rajasthan;
- (b) whether there is any plan to systematically operate robust industrial and logistic infrastructure in the petrochemical sector; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has been taking various initiatives to ensure the development of the chemicals and petrochemical sector. The steps taken by the Department are indicated below:-

Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions (PCPIR): To attract mega investments in chemicals & petrochemicals sector, Department has notified the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) Policy. PCPIRs are conceptualized in a cluster-based model of Development with common infrastructure and support services. Three PCPIRs have been set up at Dahej (Gujarat), Vishakhapatnam–Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh) and Paradeep (Odisha). Currently, 824 Petroleum, Chemicals, Petrochemicals and ancillary industries are functional in these PCPIRs having a cumulative investment of Rs. 2,43,000 crore and these regions have generated employment of 3.7 lakh persons.

Plastic Parks: Department implements the scheme for Setting up of Plastic Parks under the scheme of New Scheme of Petrochemicals. The Scheme promotes setting up of need-based Plastic Parks with requisite state-of-the-art infrastructure and enabling common facilities. The objective is to consolidate and synergize the capacities of downstream plastic processing industry to help increase investment, production and export in the sector as well as to generate employment. Under the Scheme, the Government of India provides grant funding up to 50%

of the project cost to the State government subject to a ceiling of Rs. 40 crore per project. In accordance with the Scheme Guidelines, 10 Plastic Parks have been approved so far and the same are at different levels of implementation.

Centre of Excellence: Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has formulated a scheme on setting up of Centers of Excellence. The objective is to provide grant-in-aid to educational and research institutions to improve existing technology and promote development of new applications of polymers and plastics. The emphasis of the Scheme is on modernization and upgradation of existing manufacturing processes as well as improving the quality of products. Under the scheme, the Government of India provides financial support up to 50 per cent of the total project cost subject to an upper limit of Rs. 5 crores. So far, 18 CoEs have been approved under the Scheme. Earlier the CoE scheme was only available for petrochemical sector, now revised scheme includes chemicals sector also.

Chemical Promotion Development Scheme (CPDS): The objective of the scheme is to facilitate growth and development of Chemicals and Petrochemicals Industry by creation of knowledge products through studies, survey, data banks, promotional material as also to facilitate seminars, conferences, and exhibitions to facilitate development of the sector. The Scheme also promotes research and innovation by awarding outstanding efforts in the field of chemicals and petrochemicals.
