

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1687
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MSME-LED INDUSTRIAL GROWTH IN ASSAM

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Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated a comprehensive strategy to promote MSME-led industrialisation in Assam and the North Eastern Region under the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047;
- (b) the details of MSME clusters approved in Assam since 2021;
- (c) whether Government proposes to establish new clusters for tea, bamboo, agarwood, handloom, food processing and petrochemical downstream industries; and
- (d) the expected investment and employment generation from these initiatives?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SUSHRI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE)

(a): The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has adopted a comprehensive strategy to promote MSME-led industrialisation in Assam and the North Eastern Region (NER) in alignment with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through various schemes and policy initiatives aimed at facilitating access to credit, technology, skill development, infrastructure, and cluster development. These include the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Micro and Small Enterprises, Self Reliant India (SRI) Fund, Micro & Small Enterprises Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP), and Technology Centres (Tool Rooms & Technical Institutions). Special emphasis is being accorded to sectors in which Assam possesses a comparative advantage, including tea, bamboo, agarwood, handloom, food processing, and downstream petrochemical industries.

Further, the Ministry is implementing a dedicated Scheme for Promotion of MSMEs in the North Eastern Region and Sikkim, launched in 2016. The Scheme provides financial assistance for creation and upgradation of infrastructure and common facilities to support manufacturing, testing, packaging, research & development, product and process innovation, and skill development. Since 2021, total 14 projects were approved for Assam with total project cost of Rs. 243.54Cr out of which approved Government of India Grant is Rs. 166.83Cr. and total GoI Grant released till date is Rs. 85.665 Cr. Details attached as **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): The Ministry implements the Micro & Small Enterprises – Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), a demand-driven Central Sector Scheme, to enhance the competitiveness of Micro and Small Enterprises across the country, including Assam and the NER. The Scheme provides support for establishment of Common Facility Centres (CFCs) and Infrastructure Development (ID) projects to improve technology, productivity, market access, and competitiveness of MSMEs. Accordingly, proposals for cluster development in tea, bamboo, agarwood, handloom, food processing, downstream petrochemical industries, and other sectors are considered subject to receipt of complete proposals from the respective State Governments of the North Eastern Region and their eligibility under the Scheme guidelines.

(d): The initiatives are expected to generate substantial investment and employment opportunities in Assam and the NER by leveraging the region's natural resource base, traditional skills, and entrepreneurial potential. The extent of their impact, however, will depend on the nature of the projects approved and the effective utilisation of the infrastructure and common facilities created.

	Annexure				
	List of projects approved under the scheme since 2021 in Assam				
S. No.	Project name	Total Project Cost (Rs. in Cr.)	GoI Grant (Rs. in Cr.)	GoI released (Rs. in Cr.)	Completed/ ongoing
1	New Industrial Estate at Chenga, Bahari, Dag No. 262, Village Maneri, Revenue Circle- Chenga, Barpeta, Assam	12.07	10.86	5.43	Ongoing
2	New Industrial Estate at 2, Dhemajibari, Biswanath Chariali, Assam	31.54	13.5	12.15	Ongoing
3	Up-gradation of the Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre IIDC, Silapathar, Dhema, Assam	11.75	9	4.5	Ongoing
4	New Industrial Estate at Dag no.187, Village Tazpur Kite Kukurdi, Kushiarkul, Maizgram, Karimganj, Assam	13.3	11.97	5.985	Ongoing
5	Up-gradation of the Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre, Titabor, Jorhat, Assam	10.82	9	4.5	Ongoing
6	New Industrial Estate at Dighalichapari, Jamugurihat under Naduar revenue circle, Sonitpur, Assam	18.85	13.5	6.75	Ongoing
7	Up-gradation of Infrastructure Development Facilities in the Existing Complex, Manja, Karbi-Anglong, Assam	10	9	8.1	Complete
8	Development of New Industrial Park, Tingkhon, Dibrugarh, Assam	25.01	13.5	6.75	Ongoing
9	Development of New Industrial Park, Village Bori Angarkata, Mouza Kumarikata, Revenue Circle, Tamulpur Assam	21.65	13.5	6.75	Ongoing
10	Industrial Park At Sephunjuri, Karimganj, Assam	18.74	13.5	6.75	Ongoing
11	Development of New Industrial Park, Udharband, Assam	19.59	13.5	0	Ongoing
12	Flatted Factory Complex at Chabua, Dibrugarh, Assam	22.16	13.5	6.75	Ongoing
13	Up-Gradation of IID Centre Bandardewa IID Centre PO-Pathalipahar Lakhimpur, Assam	11.32	9	4.5	Ongoing
14	Setting Up of a New Industrial Estate at Chapor, Dhubri, Assam.	16.74	13.5	6.75	Ongoing
Total		243.54	166.83	85.665	