

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 700.
TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, THE 24th JULY, 2026.**

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES

700. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of **Commerce and Industry** be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being implemented to ensure the sustainable development of industries in the region, particularly in terms of environmental protection, community welfare and preservation of local culture;
- (b) the role of the Ministry in improving skill development and vocational training in the North Eastern States to meet the demands of a growing industrial sector; and
- (c) whether the Ministry has any plans for enhancing the region's industrial base through partnerships with the private sector, especially in the context of "Act East" policy and regional connectivity with Southeast Asia?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a) to (c):** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry has implemented various industrial promotion schemes namely the North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP), 2007; North East Industrial Development Scheme (NEIDS), 2017; and Uttar Poorva Transformative Industrialization Scheme (UNNATI), 2024 aligning with the needs of the region. It is expected that the industrial base of the North East region will be substantial enhanced through the scheme, and it will ground greater private investment in the region.

Industries engaged in manufacture of goods and commodities are eligible for incentives under these schemes, which conform to policies and instructions issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forest, comply with environmental standards, have applicable Environmental Clearance and have requisite consent to establish and operate from the concerned Central Pollution Control Board/State Pollution Control Board and are not fossil-fuel based such as Plantation, Refineries and Power Generating Units. The schemes provide a positive list for the service sector and a negative list for manufacturing, ensuring that environmentally compliant activities are incentivized and thereby aligning industrial growth.

The schemes support both sectors i.e. manufacturing and services, including hospitality, healthcare, EdTech, data centres, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, financial technology, food processing, beverage manufacturing, paper and paper products, textiles and other industries that transform raw materials into finished products. These activities generate indirect demand for sector-specific technical and vocational skills among the population and promote enterprise-led employment.
