

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY & PROMOTION**

LOK SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1533.
TO BE ANSWERED ON MONDAY, THE 5TH MARCH, 2018.**

SUBSIDY TO HIMALAYAN STATES

1533. SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR:

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

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has issued any notification on freight subsidy scheme to Himalayan and North East States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the number of units are still claiming the subsidy and the amount of subsidy being disbursed, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposed to introduce any new business friendly scheme in place of the aforesaid scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सी.आर. चौधरी)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI C.R. CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) & (b):** Freight Subsidy Scheme was notified w.e.f. 22nd January, 2013. Cost of transportation on movement of raw material and finished goods to and from the location of the industrial unit up to the designated rail head was reimbursed under the scheme for a maximum period of five years from the date of commencement of commercial production. The benefits of scheme were available to eligible industrial units in the states of NER (including Sikkim), states of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh, Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep and Darjeeling District of West Bengal. The said scheme was discontinued on 22.11.2016. As per the reports received from the concerned State Governments/ UT Administrations, 74 units have registered for claiming Freight Subsidy. Rs.18.85 crore has been disbursed so far to settle 29 claims of 4 industrial units as on 28.02.2018. A statement on State/UT-wise disbursement under Freight Subsidy Scheme is at Annexure.
- (c) & (d):** There is no proposal to introduce a new scheme in place of Freight Subsidy Scheme.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1533 FOR ANSWER ON 05.03.2018.

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Statement on disbursement under Freight Subsidy Scheme (as on 28.02.2018)

(Rs. in crore)

State/UT	No. of units	No. of claims	Subsidy disbursed
Meghalaya	3	25	18.56
Tripura	1	4	0.29
Total	4	29	18.85
