

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2338
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.08.2018**

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog has taken up the matter regarding non-implementation of Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act, 2014 with regard to setting up of a steel plant at Cuddapah district, a new port trust, railway zone at Vizag, Vizag-Chennai Industrial corridor etc. in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress so far made on these projects?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS
(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a) to (c): NITI Aayog has also taken up the issues mentioned in Schedule XIII of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 for their implementation with the concerned Central Government Ministries/Departments as per provisions made in the said Act including setting up of a steel plant at Cuddapah district, a new port trust, railway zone at Vizag, Vizag-Chennai Industrial corridor etc. in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

The latest updated status of the above projects as provided by the concerned Central Government Ministries/Department namely Ministry of Steel, Ministry of Shipping, Ministry of Railway and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Government of India is at Annexure.

Status of the projects provided by concerned Central Government Ministries / Department

Sl.No	Name of the Projects	Name of the Ministry Concerned	Latest Status of the project
1	Steel plant at Cuddapah district	Ministry of Steel	It is informed that the matter of setting up of steel Plant in Cuddapah District of Andhra Pradesh is presently sub-judice, viz WP (C) No.000132/2018 – Ponguleti Sudhakar Reddy Vs Union of India and others before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
2	A new port trust	Ministry of Shipping	The development of new major port at Duggirajupatnam was examined by NITI Aayog in consultation with the Ministry of Shipping, the Ministry of Finance and the Government of Andhra Pradesh and it has been concluded that the project will not be viable due to strong competition from nearby ports of Krishnapatnam, Ennore and Chennai, which are respectively 40, 80 and 80 km away from the proposed Port. The Ministry of Shipping has requested Government of Andhra Pradesh to furnish comments on the recommendations of NITI Aayog along with suggestions for alternative site (s) for development of Major Port. The response from the Government of Andhra Pradesh is still awaited. The Ministry of Shipping in the meanwhile has constituted an Expert Committee on the issue to recommend further course of action.
3	Railway zone at Vizag	Ministry of Railways Railway Board	The Ministry of Railways was required to examine the feasibility of establishing a new Railway Zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh. To, inter-alia, examine the feasibility of establishing a new Railway Zone, a Committee of senior Railway officers had been constituted. The Committee was asked to consult various stake holders, including the Members of Parliament, State Governments, etc. before a final decision is taken. The Committee has already submitted its report. In view of the complexities involved in the exercise, the matter is under further detailed examination in the Ministry of Railways.
4	Vizag-Chennai Industrial corridor	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion	On the basis of Conceptual Development Plan prepared by Asian Development Bank team, four nodes namely; (i) Vishakhapatnam (ii) Kakinada (iii) Kankipadu - Gannavaram and (iv) Yerpedu - Srikalahasti of Andhra Pradesh have been identified for development in Vishakhapatnam - Chennai Industrial Corridor. On recommendation of Government of Andhra Pradesh, master planning of two prioritized nodes (i) Vishakhapatnam and (ii) Yerpedu - Srikalahasti is under way.