

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

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5464.  
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2023.**

**INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS IN TAMIL NADU**

**5464. SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:**

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

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री**

- (a) the details of industrially backward districts in the State of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) the details of the ongoing special schemes or initiatives for the upliftment of such districts; and
- (c) the details of the major initiatives or activities that have helped the districts to promote industries in the State?

**ANSWER**

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सोम प्रकाश)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY  
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

- (a) to (c):** Setting up of industry is primarily in the domain of State Governments. States adopt different policy measures to promote industrial development. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments with various measures. DPIIT implements the schemes for overall development of industrial sector such as the Scheme for Investment Promotion, Ease of Doing Business, Industrial Infrastructure Upgradation Scheme, Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI), National Industrial Corridors, Startup India, Footwear, Leather & Accessories Development Programme and Initiative for Promotion of Geographical Indication etc.

The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that State Government does not categories districts as industrially backwards. However, there is a list of 254 backward blocks as per the Tamil Nadu MSME Policy 2021. The Government of Tamil Nadu strives to achieve inclusive and balanced regional growth by decongesting the existing urban and peri-urban industrial cluster and disperse industrial development to districts based on their factor endowments. The Tamil Nadu Industrial Policy (TNIP) 2021 categorises districts as "A", "B" and "C" based on the level of industrialisation, where "C" Category District offers the highest potential for industrial development. The State encourages the industries to invest in "C" Category Districts, through facilitation and higher

subsidies as per TNIP and other industrial policies. The names of these Districts are, Ariyalur, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Kallakurichi, Kanniyakumari, Madurai, Mayiladuthurai, Nagapattinam, Perambalur, Pudukkottai, Ramanathapuram, Sivagangai, Tenkasi, Thanjavur, Theni, Thiruvarur, Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli, Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram and Virudhunagar.

Details of the ongoing special schemes or initiatives undertaken by Govt. of Tamil Nadu for the upliftment of such districts are attached as Annexure.

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## ANNEXURE

### ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA USQ NO. 5464 FOR ANSWER ON 05.04.2023

Details of the ongoing special schemes or initiatives undertaken by Govt. of Tamil Nadu

#### (1) SIPCOT Existing Parks

SIPCOT has established 28 Industrial Parks, including 6 Special Economic Zones, with basic amenities and support infrastructure facilities in a total extent of about 38,522 acres spread over in 16 districts.

Out of these, 7 parks are located in “C” Category Districts with an extent of 11,363 acres (nearly 30%).

SI.No.	Industrial Park	Extent in acres
1	Cuddalore	2625
2	Cheyyar	2937
3	Pudukottai	421
4	Manamadurai	492
5	Thoothukudi	2509
6	Nilakkottai	387
7	Gangaikondan (including SEZ)	1992
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,363</b>

#### (2) SIPCOT Upcoming Parks

SIPCOT is in the process of establishing 8 new Industrial Parks in “C” Category Districts, over a total extent of 6,225 acres:

SI.No	Industrial Park	District	Extent (in acres)
1	Sathanur	Kallakurichi	190
2	Kumaralingapuram	Virudhunagar	1500
3	Manakudi	Ramanathapuram	225
4	Sakkarakottai	Ramanathapuram	313
5	Illupaikudi	Sivagangai	776
6	Vaippar	Thoothukudi	1,020
7	Poomalaikundu	Theni	468
8	Adhagapadi	Dharmapuri	1,733
	<b>Total</b>		<b>6,225</b>

(3) International Furniture Park (Thoothukudi)

SIPCOT is setting up the first large scale Furniture Park in the country over an extent of 1,152 acres in a phased manner at Thoothukudi at a cost of Rs.1,000 crores. This park aims to set up an ecosystem for export-oriented manufacturing units of furniture products. The foundation stone for the International Furniture Park was laid on 7.3.2022 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister and 8 MoUs were exchanged with a total investment of more than Rs.2800 Crores.

(4) Mega Textile Park/Integrated Apparel Park

Tamil Nadu has been selected for the development of PM MITRA Park on 1,052 acre site in at E.Kumaralingapuram, Virudunagar District by the Hon'ble Prime Minister on 17.3.2023. A total of 11 MoUs were exchanged on investment commitments in the PM MITRA project in Tamil Nadu on 22.03.2023.

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