

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2051**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON: 31.07.2025**

**MSME INVESTMENT IN PUNJAB**

2051. SHRI SUKHJINDER SINGH RANDHAWA:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a special capital subsidy scheme, tax holidays and exemptions to attract private and MSME investment in Punjab's border districts, especially those within 50 km of the international border;
- (b) whether any consultation has been held with the State Government of Punjab to identify potential industrial zones in districts like Gurdaspur and Batala; and
- (c) if not, whether the Government would consider a long-term industrial package (minimum tenure of 25 years) to boost employment and deter youth migration from these sensitive areas?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c): The primary responsibility of developing the industrial sector rests with State Government. The Union Government supplements efforts of State Governments through various schemes, programmes and policy initiatives for promotion, development of MSMEs in the country including Punjab. The MSME sector consists of private player and the investments in this sector are made by the entrepreneurs themselves. A number of schemes/programmes including Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme, Credit Guarantee Scheme for Micro and Small Enterprises, PM Vishwakarma scheme, Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme scheme, Micro and Small Enterprises - Cluster Development Programme, Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance, National SC/ST Hub Scheme, MSME Champions Scheme, etc.; are being implemented by the Ministry of MSME. Benefits under these schemes are available to all eligible MSMEs.

Further, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Government of India has approved the proposal for development of integrated manufacturing Cluster Rajpura-Patiala on 28<sup>th</sup> Aug, 2024 as part of Amritsar – Kolkata Industrial Corridor (AKIC) under National Industrial Corridor Development Programme (NICDP). The project located in Patiala district has an activation area of 1,098 acre with a total project cost of Rs. 1,367 crores. Share of GoI's contribution (through NICDIT) has been approved for Rs. 385 Crore as equity and Rs. 458 Crore towards debt.

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