

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 491.
TO BE ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, THE 03RD FEBRUARY, 2026.**

INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL OF DHULE

491. DR. BACHHAV SHOBHA DINESH:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:
वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether the Government has conducted or commissioned any feasibility study, sectoral assessment or planning report on the industrial and logistics potential of Dhule district in Maharashtra, considering its strategic location on major national highway corridors and the availability of MIDC industrial land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of such assessment and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any consultations or discussions have been initiated with the Government of Maharashtra, MIDC, or prospective investors for promoting heavy industries or manufacturing clusters in Dhule and surrounding areas, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the sectors identified, if any, as suitable for investment in the region under central schemes relating to industrial corridors, logistics parks or manufacturing promotion; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to undertake a time-bound planning or project-development exercise to attract industrial investment and employment generation in Dhule district and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जितिन प्रसाद)
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI JITIN PRASADA)**

- (a) & (b):** Industries is a State subject. The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that Dhule's logistics and industrial strength comes from its excellent multimodal connectivity, with the district located at the junction of NH-47, NH-52, NH-53, NH-46 and NH-60, supported by several state highways that make it a natural transit and distribution hub. Its freight movement is further enabled by Dondaicha railway junction, while nearby Nashik and Shirdi airports provide regional air-cargo support and Mumbai International Airport offers global connectivity. Maritime access through Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and Mumbai Port strengthens Dhule's role in export-import movement for northern Maharashtra.

The State Government of Maharashtra has further informed that building on this inherent connectivity strength, the Maharashtra State Logistics Policy 2024 assigns Dhule (with Nandurbar) to Zone 2 and identifies the Dhule–Shirpur corridor for the development of a Regional Logistics Hub. The policy mandates each district's District Logistics Coordination Committee (DLCC) to identify and evaluate suitable land parcels for logistics infrastructure, with focused intent to harness Dhule's corridor-based advantages.

(c): The State Government of Maharashtra has informed that Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC) carries out various investment-promotion activities and continuous coordination with prospective investors to support industrial growth in Dhule and surrounding areas that include ongoing outreach, facilitation, and promotional engagements.

Currently, Nardana Industrial Area Phase-I hosts several major industries such as M/s Wonder Cement Ltd., M/s UltraTech Cement Pvt. Ltd., M/s Rama Phosphate Ltd., and M/s Shirpur Power (Jindal) Pvt. Ltd. etc. In addition, Nardana Industrial Area Phase-II, accommodates key industrial units including M/s Bedmutha Wire Ltd., M/s R.M. Phosphate Pvt. Ltd., and M/s Mayureshwar Solar Energy Pvt. Ltd., etc.

(d) & (e): As reported by the state, Dhule's current industrial landscape is shaped by sectors such as agro-processing, cement manufacturing, textiles, and small-scale manufacturing, which have traditionally found the region suitable for their operations. Also, MIDC has initiated several measures to attract industrial investment and employment generation in Dhule district, including sustained industry engagement activities under Udyog Bharari, with focus on facilitating investor interactions, identifying sectoral opportunities and accelerating project grounding. In alignment with the Maharashtra State Logistics Policy 2024, MIDC coordinates with the Development Commissioner's office for the planning and development of the proposed logistics park in Dhule district.
