

Financial institutions and banks have been advised to implement the above announcements and monitor the implementation thereof in State Level Bankers Committee meetings periodically.

**FDI in Retail Trading**

1526. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:  
SHRI RAMDASAGARWAL:

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

(a) whether Government have any plan to allow 100 per cent FDI in the 180 billion dollar retail trading sector as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 16th November, 2001; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the proposal has been approved by the Group of Ministers (GoM);

(c) whether lots of strings are attached thereto indicating minimum investment required for opening single outlet/joint venture with FDI restrictions for foreign entrants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) As per the extant policy, FDI is not permitted in retail trading. No proposal for allowing FDI in retail sector is presently before the Group of Ministers on FDI.

**New growth centres in industrially backward areas**

1527. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:  
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

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

(a) the status of "new growth centre scheme" in industrially backward areas;

(b) the number of such growth centres envisaged along with proposed locations;

(c) the number of such growth centres which have become functional; and

(d) the amount spent so far and the likely date of completion of all the growth centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) The Central Govt. announced Growth Centre Scheme in June, 1988. The objective of the Growth Centre Scheme is to develop basic infrastructure at selected sites in backwards areas to enable the States to attract industries. Each Growth Centre would be developed over an area of 400—800 Hectares at an estimated cost of Rs. 25-30 crore in which contribution of Central Govt. would be Rs. 10 crore per Growth Centre by way of equity (Rs. 15 crore in the case of Growth Centres in the North Eastern States). The State Govt. is responsible to source the balance fund and implement the project. The Central assistance is released on the basis of physical and financial progress made by the State Govt. in the implementation of the project.

(b) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 71 Growth Centres indicated in the Statement are proposed to be developed, out of which 68 Growth Centres have so far been sanctioned. (See below)

(c) According to the information furnished by the State Governments, 36 Growth Centres have become functional as allotment of plot to industries has commenced at these Growth Centres.

(d) The total amount of central assistance released under the Scheme since its inception is Rs. 365.06 crores. So far an expenditure of Rs. 914.53 crore has been incurred by the State Government its agencies in the implementation of the Growth Centres.

#### Statement

#### *List of Growth Centres*

Sl.No.	Name of the Growth Centre	District
<b>ANDHRA PRADESH</b>		
1.	Hindupur	Anantapur
2.	Khammam	Khammam
3.	Ongole	Prakasam
4.	Vizianagaram-Bobbili	Vizianagaram
<b>ARUNACHAL PRADESH</b>		
5.	Niklog Ngorlung	East Siang

Sl.No.	Name of the Growth Centre	District
<b>ASSAM</b>		
6.	Chariduar	Sonitpur
7.	Matia	Goalpara
8.	Chaygaon	Kamrup (unapproved)
<b>BIHAR</b>		
9.	Begusarai	Begusarai
10.	Bhagalpur	Bhagalpur
11.	Chhapra	Chhapra
12.	Darbhanga	Darbhanga
13.	Muzzafarpur	Muzzafarpur
<b>CHHATTISGARH</b>		
14.	Borai	Durg
15.	Siltara	Raipur
<b>GOA</b>		
16.	Electronic City	Verna-Plateau
<b>GUJARAT</b>		
17.	Gandhidham	Kutch
18.	Palanpur	Banaskantha
19.	Vagra	Bharuch
<b>HARYANA</b>		
20.	Bawal	Rewari
21.	Saha	Ambala
<b>HIMACHAL PRADESH</b>		
22.	Kangra	Kangra
<b>JAMMU AND KASHMIR</b>		
23.	Lassipora	Pulwama
24.	Samba	Jammu

Sl.No.	Name of the Growth Centre	District
	<b>JHARKHAND</b>	
25.	Hazaribagh	Hazaribagh
	<b>KARNATAKA</b>	
26.	Dharwad	Dharwad
27.	Raichur	Raichur
28.	Hassan	Hassan
	<b>KERALA</b>	
29.	Alappuzha-Malappuram	Alappuzha-Malappuram
30.	Kannur-Kozhikode	Kannur-Kozhikode
	<b>MADHYA PRADESH</b>	
31.	Chainpura	Guna
32.	Ghirongi	Bhind
33.	Kheda	Dhar
34.	Satlapur	Raisen
	<b>MAHARASHTRA</b>	
35.	Akola	Akola
36.	Chandrapur	Chandrapur
37.	Dhule	Dhule
38.	Ratnagiri	Ratnagiri
39.	Nanded	Nanded
	<b>MANIPUR</b>	
40.	Lamlai-Napet	Imphal East
	<b>MEGHALAYA</b>	
41.	Mendipathar	East Garo Hills
	<b>MIZORAM</b>	
42.	Luangmual	Aizawl
	<b>NAGALAND</b>	
43.	Ganeshnagar	Kohima

Sl.No.	Name of the Growth Centre	District
<b>ORISSA</b>		
44.	Chhatrapur	Ganjam
45.	Kalinganagar-Duburi	Cuttack
46.	Jharsuguda	Jharsuguda
47.	Kesinga	Kalahandi
<b>PONDICHERY</b>		
48.	Polagam	Karaikal
<b>PUNJAB</b>		
49.	Bhatinda	Bhatinda
50.	Pathankot	Gurdaspur
<b>RAJASTHAN</b>		
51.	Abu-Road	Sirohi
52.	Bhilwara	Bhilwara
53.	Khara	Bikaner
54.	Jhalawar	
55.	Dholpur	Dholpur
<b>SIKKIM</b>		
56.	Denchong Block	South Sikkim (unapproved)
<b>TAMIL NADU</b>		
57.	Erode	Periyar
58.	Oragadam	Kancheepuram
59.	Tirunelveli(Gangai Kondan Nanur Block)	Tirunelveli-Kattabomman
<b>TRIPURA</b>		
60.	Bodhjung Nagar	Tripura-West
<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>		
61.	Bijouli	Jhansi
62.	Jamaur	Shahjahnpur

Sl.No.	Name of the Growth Centre	District
63.	Pakbara	Moradabad
64.	Dibiapur	Auraiya
65.	Khufra	Bulandshahr
66.	Satharia	Jaunpur
67.	Sahjanwa	Gorakhpur
UTTARANCHAL		
68.	Shivrajpur-Deorampur	Pauri-Garhwal (unapproved)
WEST BENGAL		
69.	Bolpur	Birbhum
70.	Jalpaiguri	Jalpaiguri
71.	Malda	Malda

#### Impediments of FDI Inflow

1528. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the news-item captioned Red-Tapism, Corruption wrong assessment led MNCs to quit India which appeared in the Times of India dated the 4th November, 2001 highlighting *inter-alia* the impediments/deterrents to inflow of foreign direct investment in India;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the fresh corrective measures taken to improve climate for inflow of larger foreign direct investment in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (c) MNCs' decision to invest and exist is dependent on several factors such as business considerations, corporate restructuring exercises, etc. There has been no major threat of MNCs relocating from India. The Government have taken several initiatives to facilitate foreign investment, including setting of the Foreign Investment Implementation Authority (FIIA), which acts as a single-point interface between foreign investors and various approval authorities.