

The policy is based on the principle of industrial growth in partnership with the States. The Central government will create the enabling policy frame work, provide incentives for infrastructure development on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis through appropriate financing instruments, and State Governments will be encouraged to adopt the instrumentalities provided in the policy.

(b) No review of the policy is being contemplated at present.

(c) and (d) Government has granted “in-principle” approval under the National Manufacturing Policy to eight National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs) outside the DMIC region. Eight Investment Regions under phase-I of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) project have also been accorded ‘in-principle’ approval of Government for setting up as National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs). In Maharashtra, ‘in-principle’ approval has been given for NIMZ at Nagpur outside the DMIC region and at Shendra-Bidkin Industrial Park city near Aurangabad and Dighi Port Industrial area in the DMIC region.

#### **Identification of problems affecting rubber productivity**

751. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government has identified problems which affect the rubber productivity in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN) : (a) to (c) Main problems that affect rubber productivity in the country are incidence of extreme weather events, increase in temperature, low productivity of rubber in growing areas of non-traditional regions (excluding Kerala and Tamil Nadu) caused by agro-climatic, economic, social and infrastructure constraints, and increasing share of senile plantations in the total planting stock.

#### **Problems faced by DMICDC in implementation of the project**

752. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (DMICDC) is facing problems in the implementation of the project and seeking Central Government’s help.

- (b) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto;
- (c) whether it is a fact that there is some concern/problems over some of the agreements signed by the company executing the massive project that entails setting up of seven Greenfield smart cities between Delhi and Mumbai;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government for early implementation of DMICDC proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) and (b) DMIC Project is being implemented in partnership with the respective State Governments. The project development activities are being undertaken for taking the project to the implementation phase.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) The Shareholders' Agreement and State Support Agreement are under finalization by DMICDC with the concerned State Governments. Incorporation of Project specific SPVs and release of funds to the Project companies are under process. The Government of India is taking all steps necessary for early implementation of the project.

#### **Liberal foreign investment policy framework**

753. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering liberal foreign investment policy framework allowing at least 49 per cent investment in all infrastructure sectors to boost the economy;
- (b) if so, whether it would facilitate single window dealing and reduce the time of the investors for sanction;
- (c) the details of the sectors that would benefit from the proposed policy;
- (d) whether any safeguards will be put in place to ensure that control remains in Government's hands; and
- (e) whether strategic sectors would be exempted from the liberal foreign investment policy and if so, the details thereof ?