

**Development of industrial areas and estates in A.P.**

1881. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is taking concrete steps to develop the 265 industrial development areas and industrial estates spread over 25,000 acres, for establishing industrial units in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken/being taken for development of four growth centres at Ongole, Bobbili, Hindupur, Vemsoor; and

(c) the details of steps taken for establishment of Visakhapatnam Export Processing Zone and Visakhapatnam port-based Exim Park?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has entrusted Asian Development Bank (ADB) for undertaking feasibility study of 'Vizag-Chennai Industrial Corridor (VCIC)'. ADB has since submitted a draft 'final report' on Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) of VCIC. Two proposals for setting up of 'Mega Leather Cluster' in the State of Andhra Pradesh have also been received under Indian Leather Development Programme (ILDIP) of this Department.

(b) Under the erstwhile 'Growth Centre Scheme' of DIPP, central grant was released to three Growth Centres in Andhra Pradesh at 'Ongole', 'Bobbili' and 'Hindupur' and Full Utilization Certificates have been received from the State Government after completion of these Growth Centres. No Growth Centre was sanctioned at 'Vemsoor'. However, it is pertinent to mention that the above mentioned growth centres are not related to recent initiatives of the Department as mentioned at (a) above since the Government of India discontinued the 'Growth Centre Scheme' with effect from 1st April, 2009.

(c) Vishakhapatnam Export Processing Zone was established on 15.3.1989 at Duvvada, Vishakhapatnam. Later the same was converted into Vishakhapatnam Special Economic Zone on 01.01.2003 *vide* notification No.06/06/1999-EPZ dated 19.12.2002.

Vishakhapatnam Port Trust has no plans to develop a port based EXIM park as of now. However, a multi modal logistic hub (MMLH) is being set up at the EXIM Park in the western sector of Visakhapatnam Port as a JV between VPT and Balmer Lawrie and Co. Ltd., (A Govt. of India enterprise) at an estimated cost of ₹211.02 crores approved by Ministry of Shipping for which JV/Share holders agreement was signed between the parties. The MMLH is being set up with an objective of creating

infrastructure such as open/covered/bonded warehouses, cold storage and cold chain facility for domestic and Exim Cargo, CFS, facilities for parking, repacking, relabeling etc. of Exim Cargo. The project is expected to be commenced by January, 2015 with expected completion by February, 2016.

### **Increasing share of manufacturing in GDP**

1882. SHRI ANAND SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the policy initiatives taken by Government in the last five years to increase the share of manufacturing in the GDP;

(b) whether there is a proposal to establish dedicated manufacturing zones and cities in the country;

(c) if so, the location-wise and State-wise number of such manufacturing zones and cities notified where manufacturing cities will be established;

(d) the steps taken by Government to provide factual information to foreign investors and to improve the ease of doing business in India; and

(e) the changes contemplated in the existing policy and schemes under the new 'Make in India' programme launched by Prime Minister ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) to (c) The Government of India has notified the National Manufacturing Policy on 4th November, 2011 with the objective of enhancing the share of manufacturing in GDP to 25% and creating 100 million jobs over a decade or so. One of the key instruments to catalyse the growth of manufacturing is through the establishment of National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs). Government has granted "in-principle" approval to a total of 17 National Investment and Manufacturing Zones (NIMZs). Of these 9 NIMZs are located outside the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) region. These are (i) Nagpur in Maharashtra; (ii) Tumkur in Karnataka; (iii) Chittoor in Andhra Pradesh; (iv) Prakasam in Andhra Pradesh; (v) Medak in Telangana; (vi) Kolar in Karnataka; (vii) Bidar in Karnataka; (viii) Gulbarga in Karnataka; and (ix) Kalinganagar, Jajpur distt., Odisha.

Under phase-I of the DMIC project, 8 industrial cities have also been accorded 'in-principle' approval of Government as NIMZs. These are (i) Ahmedabad-Dholera Investment Region, Gujarat; (ii) Shendra-Bidkin Industrial Park city near Aurangabad, Maharashtra; (iii) Manesar-Bawal Investment Region, Haryana; (iv) Khushkhera-Bhiwadi-Neemrana Investment Region, Rajasthan; (v) Pithampur-Dhar-Mhow Investment