

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF STONES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government provided funds to Centre for Development of Stones (C-DOS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof for last three years alongwith function of C-DOS.
- (c) whether the Government propose to accord national status to (C-DOS) with a view to promoting and developing the stone industry;
- (d) if so, details thereof;
- (e) whether any request has been received in this regard from the Rajasthan Industrial Development and Investment Corporation Ltd;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

- (a): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Mines provides grants to S&T Institutions for accelerating S&T activities. Centre for Development of Stones (C-DOS) is one of such Institution.
- (b): C-DOS is an autonomous Institution promoted by Rajasthan State Industrial and Development Corporation Limited. A grant of Rs.50 Lakhs (Rupees Fifty Lakhs only) was provided to C-DOS on 14th November, 2000 for the purchase of Equipments for the S&T Project "Setting up of R&D Centre for dimensional stones at Jaipur".
- (c) &(d): Yes, Sir. It has been proposed to establish a National Centre for Development of stones and State of the Art Institution for over all development, modernization and training facility for stone sector.
- (e)&(f): C-DOS has proposed to take up jointly with RIICO/Government of Rajasthan to :-
 - (i) Consider establishing corpus fund of Rs.1000 Lakhs for National Centre for Development of Stones with one time contribution of Rs.5 Crores from the Ministry of Mines and Rs.5 Crores from State Govt. of Rajasthan/RIICO.
 - (ii) To grant plan assistance of Rs.100 Lakhs per year for five years to develop C-DOS as a National Centre for Development of Stone.
- (g): The above two proposals are under consideration of the Ministry of Mines.