

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

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SETTING UP OF MANUFACTURING INVESTMENT REGIONS .

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

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to set up Manufacturing Investment Regions (MIRs) in the country;
- (b) If so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be set up, State-wise alongwith the nature and functioning of these regions;
- (c) Whether the Government proposes to amend the Labour Laws to run these regions;
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure that protection of labour is made in these regions;
- (e) Whether any consultation has been made with the concerned State Governments in this regard; and
- (f) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) to (f): Manufacturing sector in India has grown at a rate of 9% for the last three years with 17% share in the GDP. Government recognises the need for increasing the growth rate of the manufacturing sector to 12-14% in order to enhance its share in the economic growth and expand employment opportunity in the country. Setting up of the Manufacturing Investment Regions (MIRs) in the country is one of the initiatives towards providing quality infrastructure and efficient & transparent regulatory systems in order to encourage manufacturing growth. The contours of the policy and legal framework in respect of the scope and establishment of such regions is under consultation with stakeholders including the State Governments.