

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INDUSTRIALIZATION IN TRIBAL AREAS

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

(a) whether the Union Government has taken any initiatives for industrialization in the tribal areas across the country on top priority basis with special mention to Bodoland territory and similar other backward tribal sub-regions in the North-Eastern Region including West/North Bengal by setting up/set up some heavy industries to augment overall economic development and thereby generating employment to the unemployed tribal and local youths of these backward areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith any pending proposals from the State Government in this regard; and (

(c) the steps taken so far by the Government to develop the tribal areas of North- Eastern Region in terms of industrialization?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (c):The Union Government is implementing a package of incentives to promote industrialization and generate employment in the North Eastern Region, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and the Darjeeling district of West Bengal, many of which are tribal dominated areas. The incentives are in the form of various subsidies such as Capital Investment subsidy and Transport subsidy (applicable to all these States), Interest subsidy and Insurance subsidy besides income tax and excise duty exemption benefits. The incentives to the NE States were first announced in 1997 and again on 1st April, 2007 for a further period of 10 years in a more liberalized form.