

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

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce new scheme-Towns of Export Excellence in various States of country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding criteria for including/adding cities/towns in the list of Towns of Export Excellence;
- (d) the incentives being given to these Towns of Export Excellence in terms of augmenting the infrastructure in these towns of excellence;
- (e) whether financial outlay is earmarked by the Government for these Towns of Excellence; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof during the last three years?

Answer

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

- (a)& (b) The Foreign Trade Policy already contains provision for Towns of Export Excellence. The list of notified Towns of Export Excellence are as at Annexure 'A'.
- (c) Selected towns producing goods of Rs.750 crore or more will be notified as Towns of Export Excellence based on potential for growth in exports. For Towns of Export Excellence in Handloom, Handicraft, Agriculture and Fisheries sector, threshold limit would be Rs.150 crore.
- (d) The incentives being given to these Towns of Export Excellence are as at Annexure 'B'.
- (e)&(f) No separate financial outlay is earmarked by the Government for Towns of Export Excellence.