

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:170
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2010
DELHI MUMBAI INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria adopted by the Government for selection of the sites and routes of Industrial Corridors such as Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC);
- (b) whether the Union Government has received any request from the State Government of Punjab for extending DMIC to Amritsar and Eastern Route Freight Corridor between Son Nagar (West Bengal) to Ludhiana upto Amritsar also as a link to Western Freight corridor;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) the progress made on the development of industrial corridor in the identified Nodes including Madhya Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.170 FOR ANSWER ON 22nd NOVEMBER 2010.

(a): The only Industrial Corridor approved by the Government of India is the Delhi – Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) Project. The DMIC Project is conceptualized to take benefit of the high quality rail and road connectivity offered by the Western Dedicated rail Freight Corridor (DFC) and the National Highways. It is proposed to develop this industrial corridor in a band on either side of the Western DFC, covering parts of the states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra. The sites/nodes of the DMIC Project have been identified after a detailed study of the available resources, market potential and demand assessment study etc. by the consultants appointed by the DMIC Development Corporation Ltd. (DMICDC), the implementing agency of the DMIC Project.

(b): Yes, Madam. The following requests have been received from the State Government of Punjab:

- (i) Extension of DMIC Project up to Amritsar, and
- (ii) Linking Punjab with Western DFC instead of Eastern DFC and extending Western DFC further up to Amritsar, Punjab.

(c):The Government of Punjab has been informed the following:

(i) The DMIC project involves setting up of world class manufacturing and investment zones with other social and urban infrastructure in the vicinity of the Western DFC of the Ministry of Railways. In case the Government of Punjab is in a position to acquire requisite land for a node, make available adequate water as well as provide dedicated, reliable and uninterrupted power supply for such a node / manufacturing zone, the DMICDC can assist them technically in developing the node.

(ii) The Western DFC has been planned to terminate at Tughlakabad/Dadri and so cannot be connected to Punjab directly, but will be linked to Punjab through feeder routes of Indian Railways. The Eastern DFC is planned up to Ludhiana and will serve Punjab directly.

(d): The development of the DMIC is in two phases. Six Investment Regions and six Industrial Areas (as per Annexure-I) have been identified to be taken up for development during the first phase. Out of this, 7 nodes have been taken up initially for development. The progress made on the development of the DMIC in the first 7 nodes is at Annexure-II.