

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE IN ASSAM  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether International Trade Centre at Sutarkandi-Karimganj (Assam) was formally inaugurated in January 2007 with much hype and expectations but is not functional even after lapse of three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for such delay;
- (c) the amount sanctioned by Central and State Governments and the amount spent on this project including the recurring expenses being incurred while the Trade Centre is not operational; and
- (d) the time by which the said centre is likely to be functional?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) No International Trade Centre at Sutarkandi –Karimganj (Assam) was inaugurated in January 2007. Instead a Border Trade Centre(BTC) Sutarkandi (Karimganj) housing Custom Department, Post Office, Bank, Immigration Check Post, Warehouse, weighbridge etc. was approved with financial assistance from State Component of the ASIDE Scheme. The implementing agency Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation (AIIDC) informed that the first phase of Trade Centre was inaugurated on 12.1.2007 with incomplete works of overhead reservoir, warehouse and workshop; however, same has since been completed to take care of its urgent needs. They further informed that Customs Department and Post office are operating from BTC building.

(c) & (d) As per ASIDE Scheme guidelines, financial assistance only for capital infrastructure is permissible. In Phase-1 of BTC, Rs. 653.00 lacs against total cost of Rs. 816.00 lacs has been contributed from State Component of ASIDE Scheme. Further, State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) of Assam has earmarked Rs. 2335.00 lacs from State Component of ASIDE Scheme for Phase-2 of the project and same is under implementation.