

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

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

- (a) the details of progress so far made in the effective implementation of ASIDE scheme across the country;
- (b) whether the Government is introducing new law or policy to provide the support in increasing the India's annual export growth rate; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Department of Commerce (DoC) is operating Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE), a centrally sponsored scheme. 80% of total annual outlay under the scheme is earmarked for allocation to States / UTs on the basis of an approved criterion. Details of funds released to States/ UTs during 2008-09 , 2009-10 and 2010-11( as on 3.3.11) are annexed.

(b) to (c) Encouraging exports is a continuous process. It is the stated policy of the Government to provide support for increasing India's export through provisions under Foreign Trade Policy and XI Five Year Plan and incentives and Schemes being implemented by various Export Promotion Councils and Commodity Boards. Ministry of Commerce and Industry has also put in place various schemes including ASIDE, Market Development Assistance (MDA), Market Assistance Initiative (MAI), Focus Product Scheme, Focus Market Scheme, Town of Export Excellence, etc.