

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

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

- (a) the details of the project for development of a 'Border Trade Centre' at Sutarkandi in Karimganj District of Assam as sanctioned by the Ministry;
- (b) whether the necessary funds for construction of additional facilities like dumping yard, truck parking area, fire fighting office, Police out-post and quarters for essential staff etc. have been released to the State Governments and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Tendering process for these facilities were initiated after much delay resulting in price escalations; and
- (d) the time by which the Border Trade Centre at Sutarkandi, Karimganj will be fully operational?

Answer

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

- (a) The 1st phase of the project for development of a Border Trade Centre (BTC) at Sutarkandi in Karimganj District of Assam was sanctioned on 07.01.2000 by the Ministry of Commerce, Govt. of India for an amount of Rs. 816.00 lac. The 2nd phase was approved in two parts by State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) of Assam (Part-I on 18.11.2006: Rs. 588.00 lac and Part-II on 23.12.2008 : Rs. 1159.00 lac) under State Component of ASIDE Scheme.
- (b) Yes; date of release of funds against part-I of 2nd phase of BTC, Sutarkandi - 1st Installment of Rs. 176.40 lac on 3.11.2006, 2nd installment of Rs. 176.40 lac on 17.10.09 & 3rd installment of Rs. 228.144 lac on 06.08.2010. Date of release of funds against Part-II of 2nd phase-1st installment of Rs. 485.00 lac on 10.5.11.
- (c) No; the tendering and selection process of Part-I and Part -II of the above work completed within approved cost. The implementation of Part -I have been completed and Part -II is expected to be completed by December ,2011.
- (d) Border Trade Centre Sutarkandi has been functioning since 01.05.2009, after shifting of Custom office and Post office to the Main Building of Trade Centre, Sutarkandi. The construction of other facilities like Dumping yard, Truck Parking area, Fire Fighting office, Police out post and quarters for essential staffs are expected to be completed by 31.12.2011 and hence after completion of construction, these facilities will be operational.