

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASIDE SCHEME

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to assist the States in promotion of exports;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of total funds allocated to various States for export promotion, sector-wise and State-wise during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to engage the States in export promotion;
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to improve the logistic constraints to achieve the export target of the country; and
- (f) whether a new international level business lounge has been set up at the New Delhi Airport and if so, the total expenditure incurred on it alongwith the response received so far?

Answer

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

(a & b) Yes Madam, Department of Commerce is implementing Assistance to States for Developing Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) scheme with the objective to involve States / UTs in export effort by providing assistance to the State Governments for creating appropriate infrastructure for the development and growth of exports. The outlay of this scheme has two components. 80% of the funds (State Component) are earmarked for allocation to States / UTs on the basis of approved criteria. The balance 20% forms part of Central Component of ASIDE.

(c) ASIDE fund allocation is made state-wise and not sector-wise. The State-wise details of total funds allocated to various States/ UTs under ASIDE are enclosed as Annexure-1.

(d) Best Practices under ASIDE has been documented and shared. State Level Export Promotion Committee (SLEPC) headed by the Chief Secretary of State scrutinizes, prioritises and approves specific project(s) and oversee the implementation of the Scheme.

(e) The logistic constraint identified by several studies shared among States to identify and consider the same under state component of ASIDE by SLEPC.

(f) No such project has been funded under ASIDE.