

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

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PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN PCPIRs
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to boost private investment in setting up of Petroleum, Chemical and Petro-chemical Investment Regions (PCPIRs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also proposes to increase the per capital consumption of plastic and synthetic fibre in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) Yes, The Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Region (PCPIR) policy is expected to boost investments. Till date, PCPIRs to be set up in Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Gujarat have been approved by the Government of India. These PCPIRs are expected to create infrastructure worth Rs. 39,744 Crore covering Roads, Rail, Air links, Ports, Telecom, Power, Water Treatment, Sewerage, Effluent Treatment and Green Buffers, etc. The industrial investments in these regions is expected to be to the tune of Rs. 4,86,180 crore broadly covering the Chemical, Petrochemical, Fertilizer, Ancillary and Housing Sectors.

(a) & (d) Government of India's National Policy on Petrochemicals and Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Region Policy aim at increasing the sustained growth of the Petrochemicals Industry. Recently, Government of India through its stimulus package to overcome the economic slowdown and to give a fillip to domestic demand, reduced the excise duty to 8% on all items including plastics and synthetic fibre. Petrochemicals products were also benefited by this initiative of the Government. This will also increase the per capita consumption of plastic and synthetic fibre due to increased domestic demand.