

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION  
LOK SABHA**

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QUESTION INTERNATIONAL INTEGRATED TRADE CENTRES  
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**Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up an International Integrated Trade Centre in Sutarkandi, Assam;
- (b) if so, whether the State Government has provided land for the same and if so, the progress made in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government has released any funds to start the said project;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the Trade Centre in Assam will be fully functional?

**Answer**

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (Dr. Jitendra Singh)

(a) to (e) Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry have informed that infrastructure work at Border Trade Centre, Sutarkandi (Karimganj), Assam, was sanctioned under the erstwhile Critical Infrastructure Balancing (CIB) Scheme. Subsequently, CIB Scheme was merged with Assistance to State for Developing of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme. The project continued with financial assistance from State Component of the ASIDE Scheme.

The implementing agency, i.e., Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation informed that the first phase of Trade Centre was inaugurated on 12.1.2007. In phase-I, Rs. 653.00 lacs released under State Component of ASIDE out of total cost of Rs. 816 lacs. The phase-II 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. Border Trade Centre, Sutarkandi has been reported to be functioning since 01.05.2009.