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SPECIAL PACKAGE TO INDUSTRIALLY BACKWARD STATES

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

(a) whether the Government is administering Special Packages for industrial development of the special category States of North-East Region, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, whether the Government proposes to extend such Special Packages to other industrially backward States like Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Karnataka and Assam so as to improve their financial health and afford an opportunity to generate employment and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines and formulated any action plan/policy for industrial development of such backward States including setting up of public sector units in such areas and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there have been instances of delays/non-compliance in adhering to these guidelines; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): State of Assam is already covered under the North-East Region. There is no proposal to extend Special package of industrial incentives to Bihar, Orissa, West Bengal, and Karnataka.

(c): No, Madam. The present approach of the Government is not based on identification of industrially backward States/Districts but rather to address the regional imbalances through the Backward Region Grant Fund (BRGF). 272 Districts were covered under the BRGF during 11th Five Year Plan. The primary responsibility of industrial development is of the State Governments. The Central Government supplements and complements this efforts through various scheme for development of industries with some of them focusing on specific areas.

The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) is providing package of industrial incentive to the Special Category States of North-East Region including Sikkim and Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. It also implements Freight Subsidy Scheme (for the states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, J&K, Darjeeling district of West Bengal,

Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and 8 North Eastern states).

(d) & (e): Do not arise.